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"Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord."

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### PREFACE.

This little book is an endeavour to make some special provision for unison hymn singing and its accompaniment. It deals with a series of Hymns, some suitable for all times, others for particular seasons; while musically it affords examples of several widely differing methods of treatment, in which it is hoped that Organists and Choirs may find pleasure, and Congregations some added inspiration to take their part in the singing.

Though there may be some in a Congregation who can take their parts correctly with the Choir, yet the melody is the proper "people's part" in a hymn tune. The singing of the Congregation should therefore be in unison.

Two further principles must be observed:—

I. PACE.—Congregational singing should be slow. A large force of untrained voices cannot sing fast; and if a hymn be taken too fast, the Congregation is robbed of its chance.

The old Psalm Tunes and Chorales most fully meet the requirements of congregational singing by their stately pace and by the holding note or pause at the end of each line, which gives a rallying point and breathing space. The tendency of Congregations to this day to "hold on" at the end of each phrase in such tunes as "Old 100th," "Winchester Old," etc., bears witness, not merely to the strength of an old tradition, but to a genuine characteristic of tunes of this class, which should not be crushed out but rather encouraged. To put such pauses to the majority of modern tunes would be as great an error as the withdrawal of them from the Psalm Tune and Chorale. Many modern tunes demand a certain briskness of movement; many again depend upon their harmony rather than their melody, and their harmonic structure is not adapted to carry the great weight of a congregational unison; and directly it is made to do so, the tunes become top-heavy and lose their grace and charm. Such tunes do not, therefore, come within the scope of this book.

II. METHOD OF TREATMENT.—If the people are to sing, and to sing out with fervour, there is needed not only dignity of pace but a broad method of treatment. Sudden pianos and pianissimos, and other devices fitting enough in the Part-Song, are, as a rule, out of keeping with congregational singing, which is most expressive when expression is most simple. On the other hand, variation in the accompaniment, such as is here provided, gives a legitimate and practical opportunity for variety and interpretation.

#### PLAN OF THE BOOK.

In its main idea this book bases itself upon the lines laid down by John Sebastian Bach, who revealed his genius not least in his treatment of hymn tunes, and has shown (for example) how beautifully a very slow going melody may be made to move, and how a seemingly drear and barren tune can be made instinct with warmth and life. To give any present day writer's work in conjunction with a Bach setting is to risk no little reprobation; yet no other course was possible if this book was to come into being, and the writers, therefore, have ventured to try to follow in his footsteps.

A second source of inspiration has been the old Metrical Psalmody, wherein the melody was sung by the Congregation supported by one of the voices of the Choir (usually the Tenor), while the other Choir voices supplied a Counterpoint or Accompaniment. An ancient example by John Dowland (1562–1626) will be found on page 28, together with two modern examples. The method is also adopted in the great Christmas Hymn, "O Christ, Redeemer of our race," "Bright the vision," and elsewhere.

#### USE OF THE BOOK.

Such a book as this has necessarily to trust a very great deal to the discretion of the Organist. In most cases the arrangements here given represent the maximum amount of change desirable in any one hymn. Some verse-settings will need to be omitted because they are too exacting for modest resources: others because there is not available a sufficiently large volume of voice to sustain the melody. Most of the settings, however, are well within the range of an ordinarily competent Organist and the average Choir and Congregation; and, simple or elaborate, they all have as their main idea the encouragement of intelligent and artistic congregational singing.

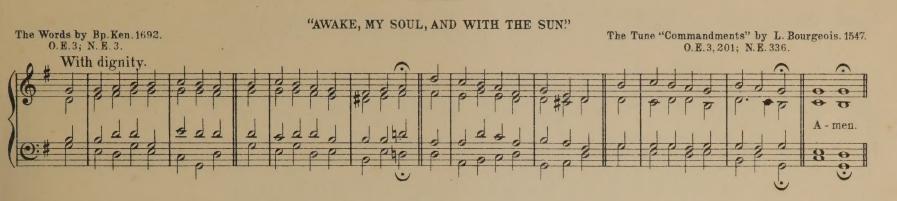
The book is primarily intended for use at Church Services; but there are also other occasions, especially Organ Recitals, when such hymn singing as is here advocated may be utilized with great results. Indeed, the Sunday Evening Organ Recitals given in so many Churches nowadays might be turned to most valuable account as regards Hymns and Hymn singing.

It remains to express thanks to Sir Hubert Parry for much kind interest and counsel, and to all those who have contributed to this work, especially Sir Charles Stanford and Dr. Charles Wood, to whom the Editor is indebted for most kind and quite invaluable help.

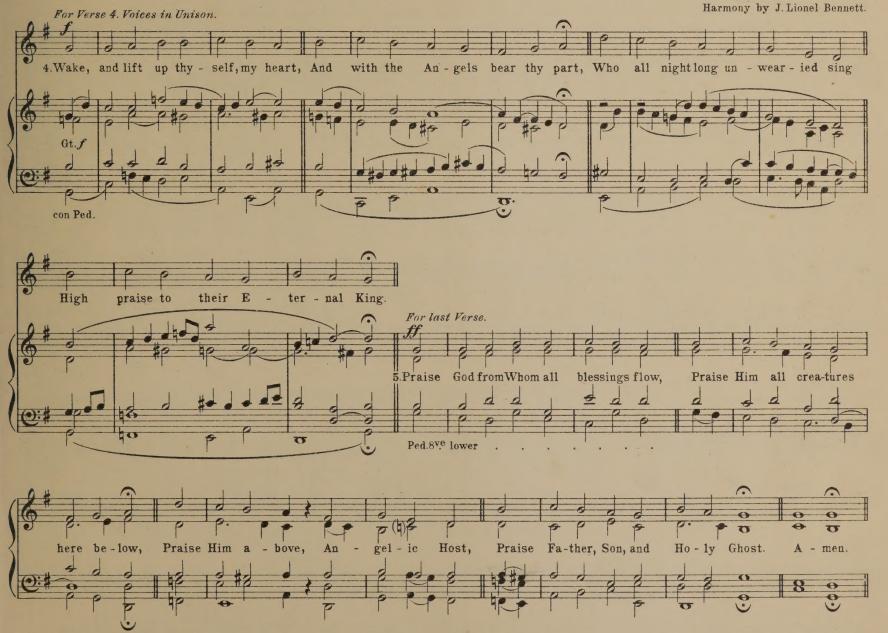
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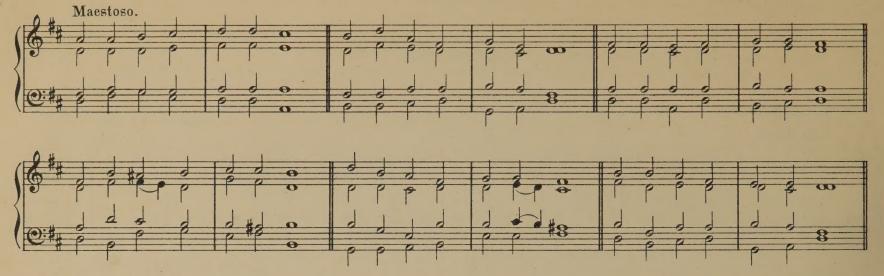
#### MORNING.



- 1. fAwake, my soul, and with the sun
  Thy daily stage of duty run;
  Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
  To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2.m Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past, And live this day as if thy last; Improve thy talent with due care; For the great day thyself prepare.
- 3. Let all thy converse be sincere, Thy conscience as the noon-day clear; Think how all-seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.



The above settings of this Tune may also be used in connexion with verses 3 and 6 of "Where high the heavenly Temple stands" O.E. 201 (N.E.345), and for the last two verses of "O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!" N.E. 336 (O.E. 173).

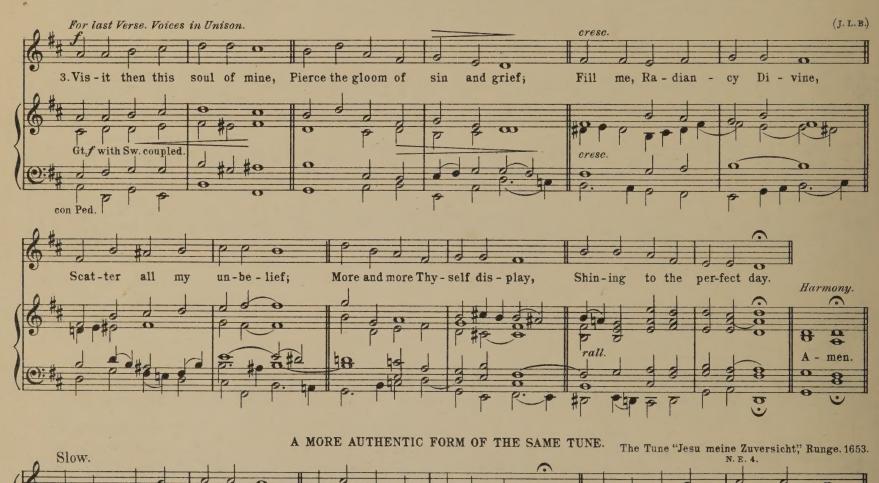


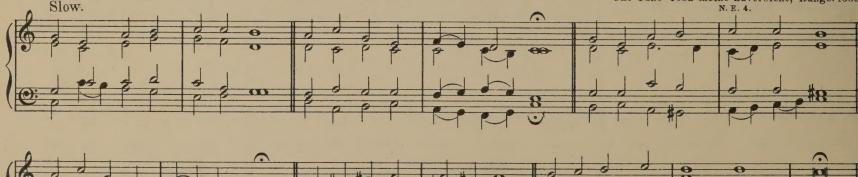
1. f Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Triumph o'er the shades of night; 2mp Dark and cheerless is the morn Till Thy mercy's beams I see; Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise,

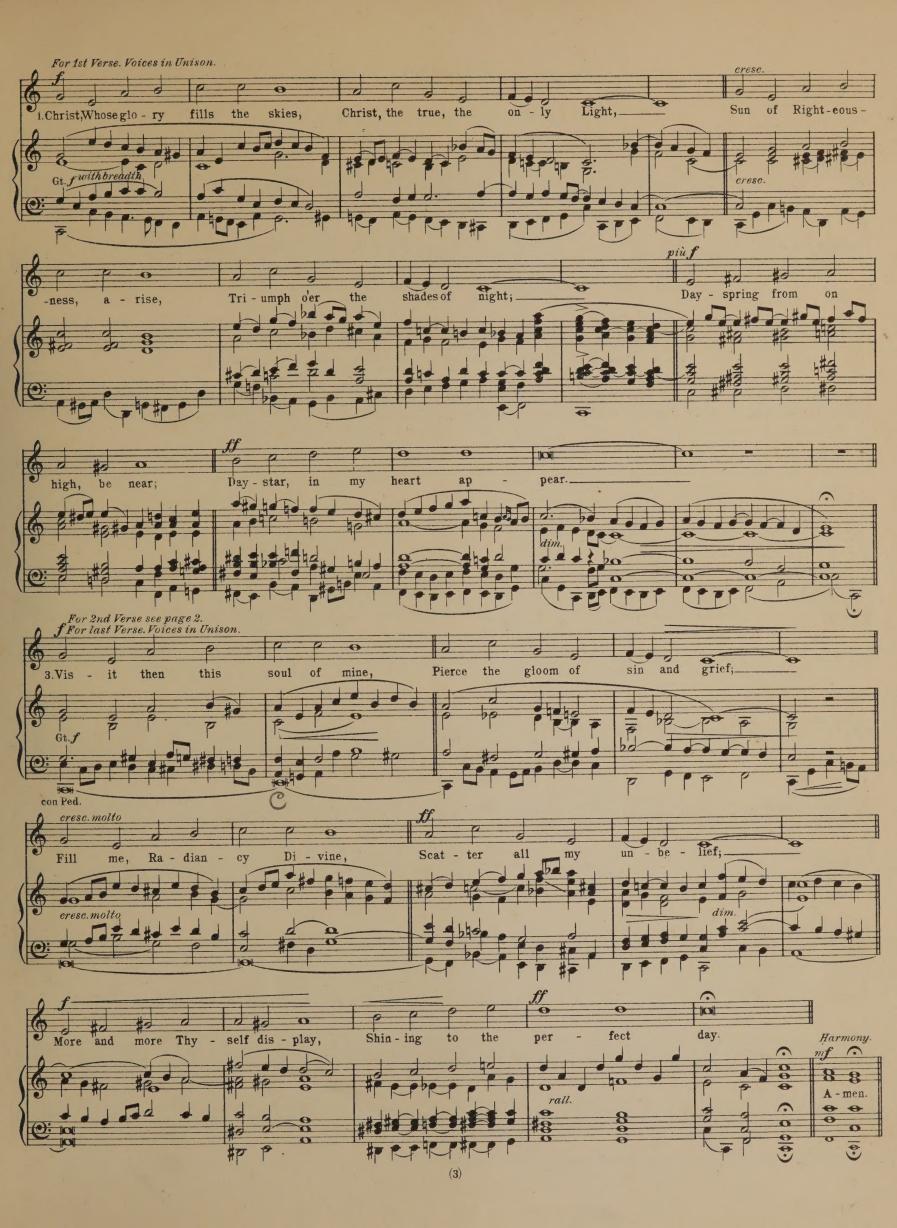
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

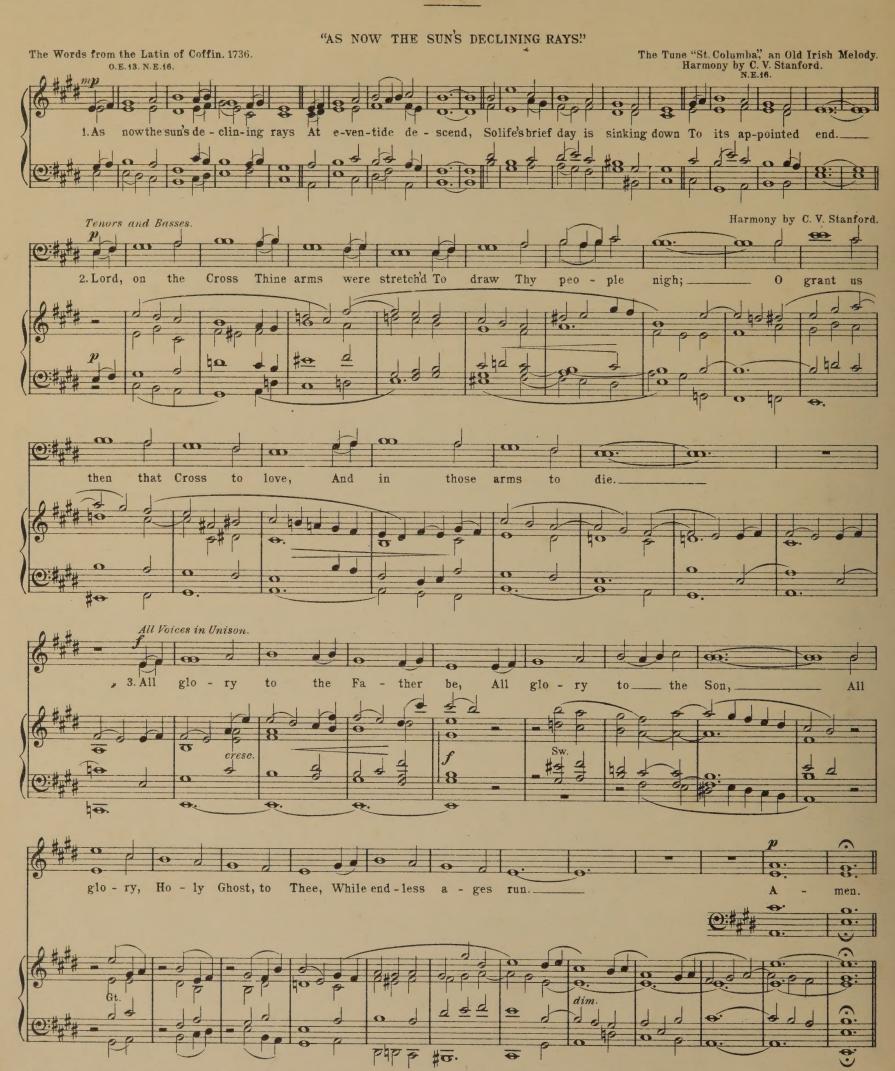
Unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return,

Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

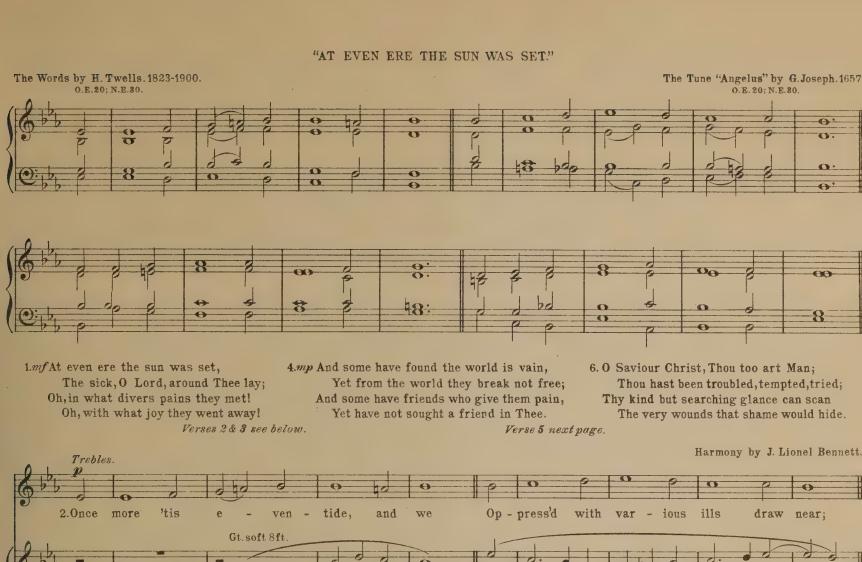


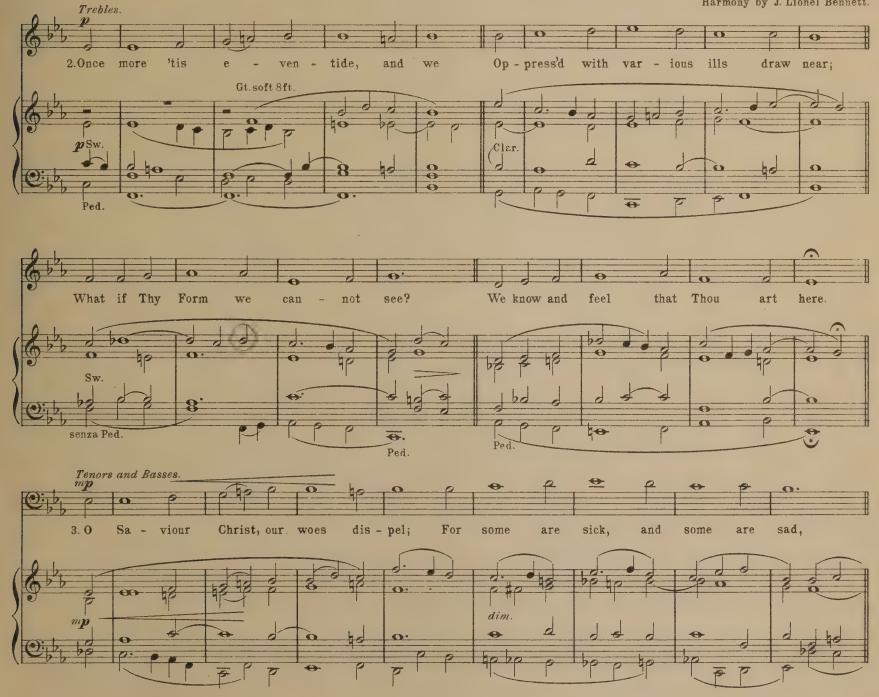


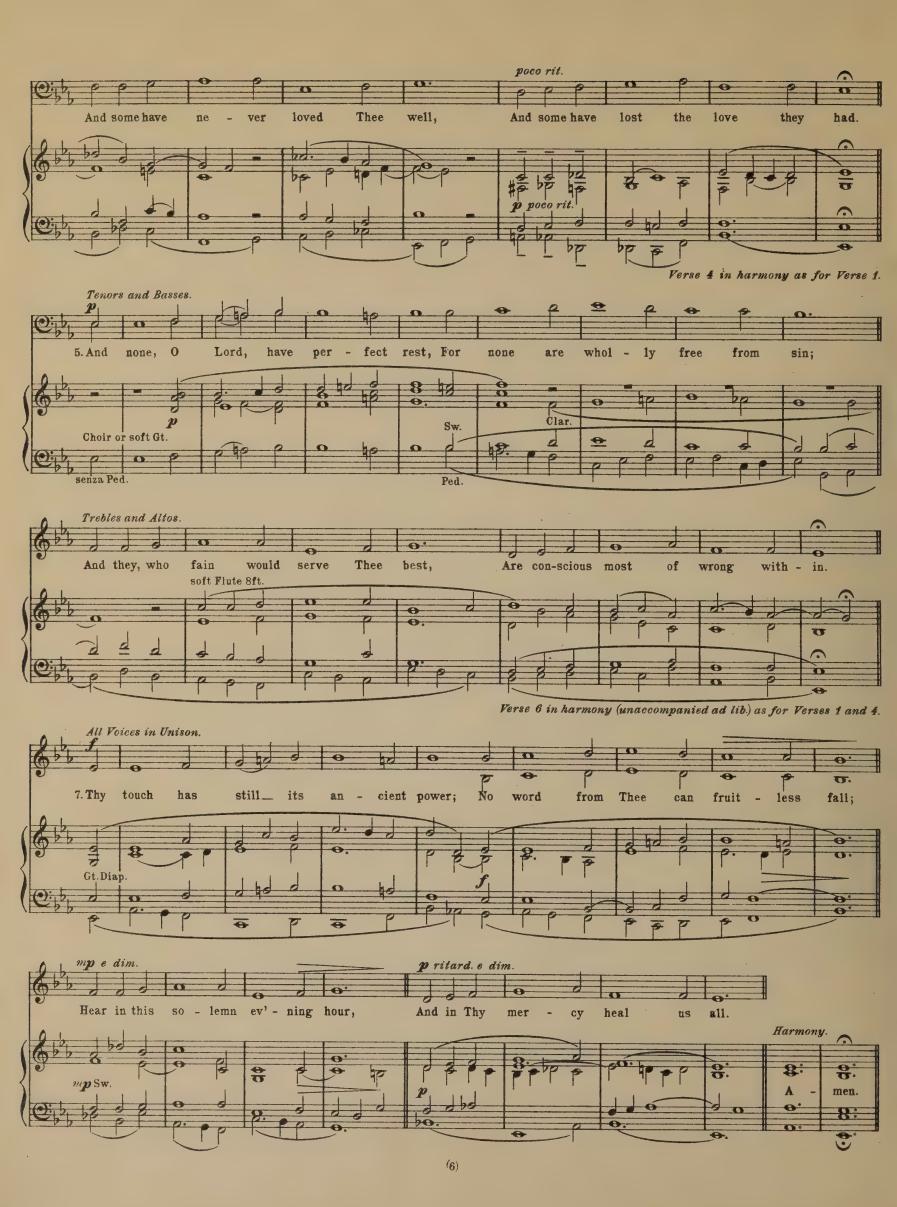




The Old Edition tune "St. Peter" will be found given with special harmonies set to "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" on page 33







#### ADVENT.

#### "LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING!"

The Words by C. Wesley & J. Cennick (1718-55) O.E. 51; N.E. 52. The Tune "Helmsley" by T. Olivers & M. Madan (c. 1652) N. E. 52.





1. f Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand Saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth again.

\*4. f Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia!
See the Day of God appear!

2.mf Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him,
Pierced and nail'd Him to the Tree,
p Deeply wailing,

Shall the true Messiah see.

5.mf Those dear tokens of His Passion
Still His dazzling Body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransom'd worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

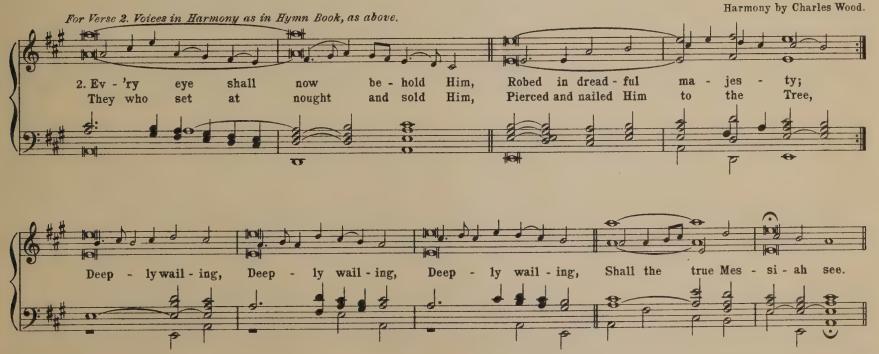
\*3.mf Every island, sea, and mountain,

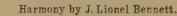
Heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate Him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the Day:
Come to judgement!
Justice can no more delay.

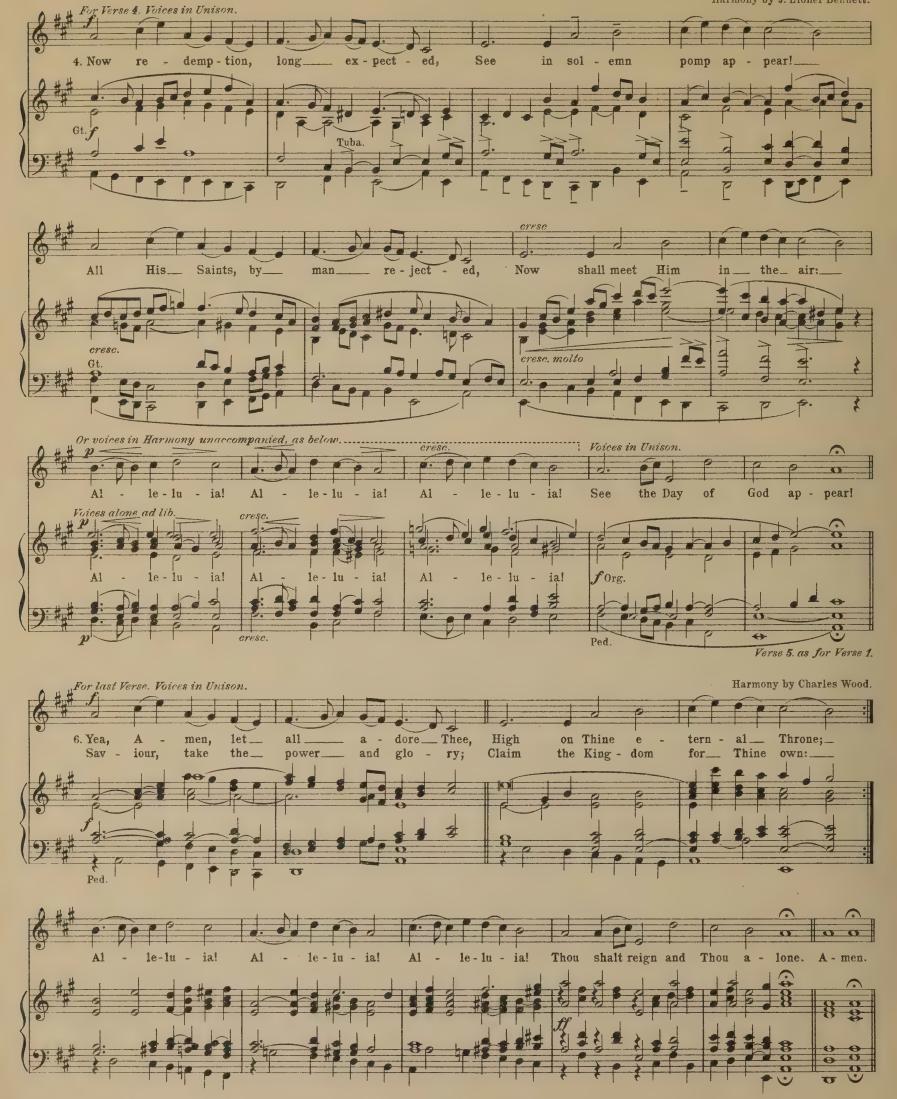
6. f Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal Throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Claim the Kingdom for Thine own:

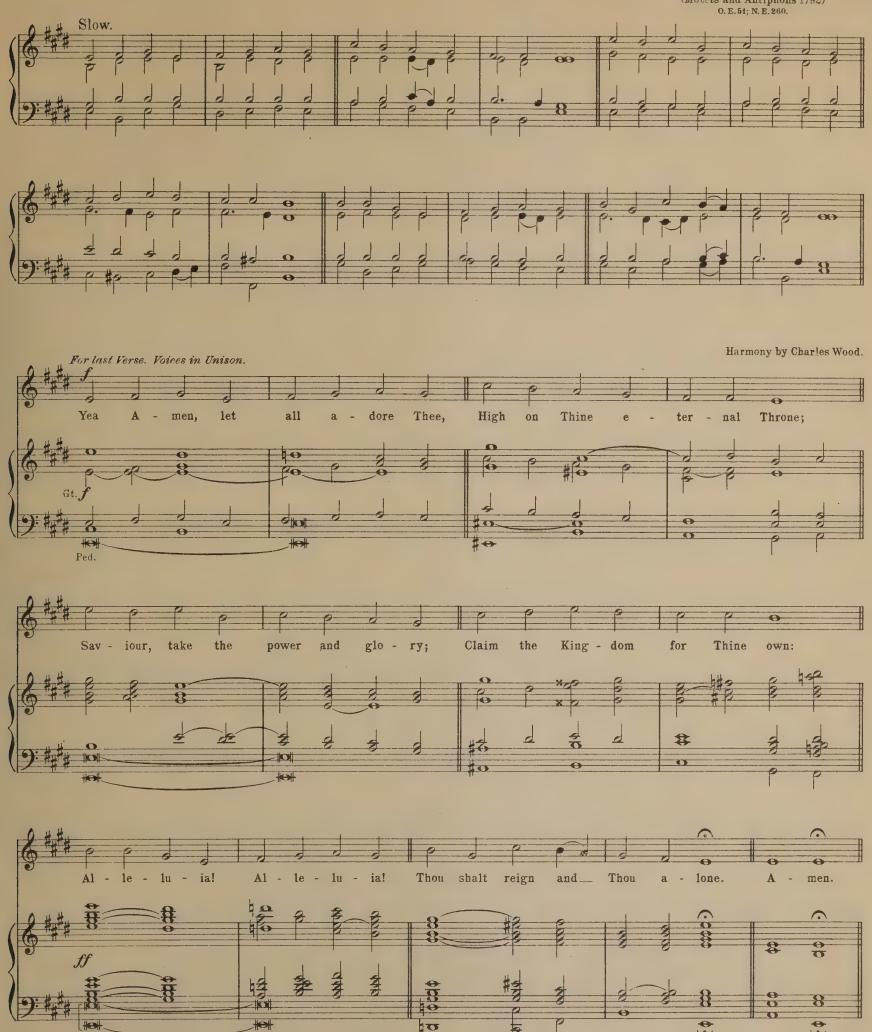
ff Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign and Thou alone. Amen.

\*These Verses are not given in the Old Edition.









This setting may also be used for the last verse of N. E. 260 (= 0. E. 309, 2nd Tune.)

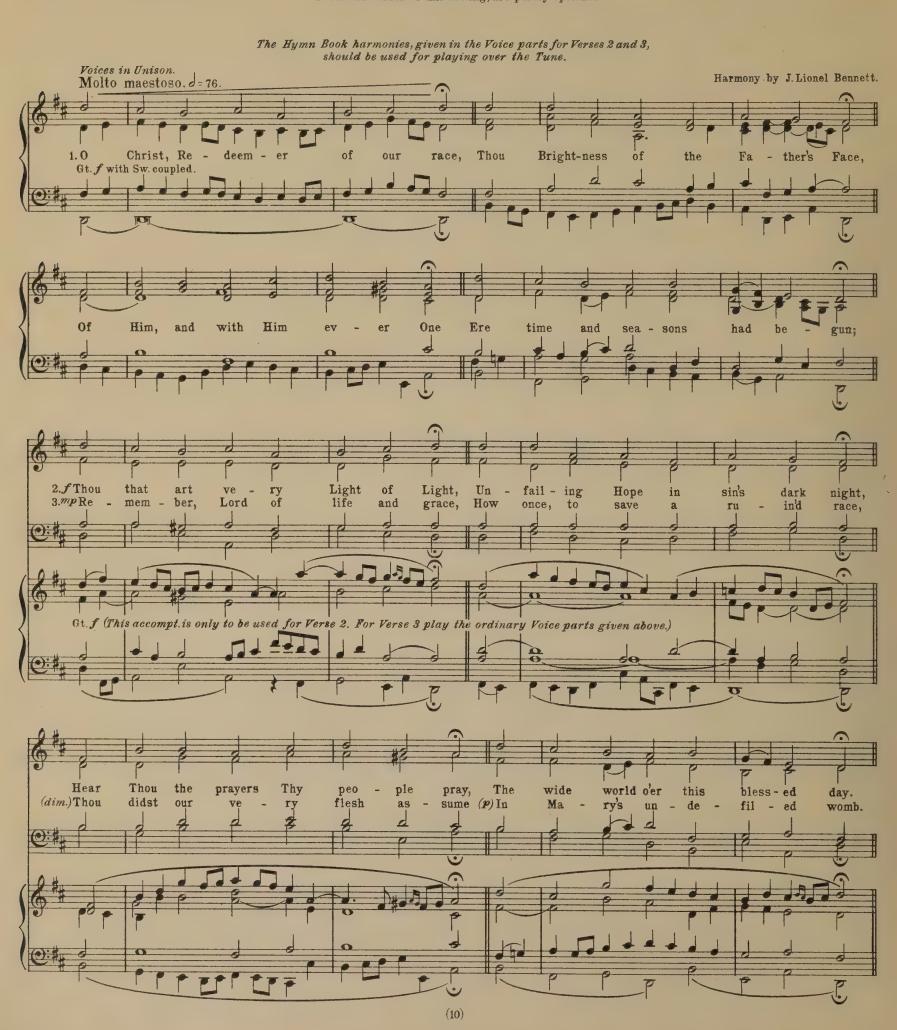
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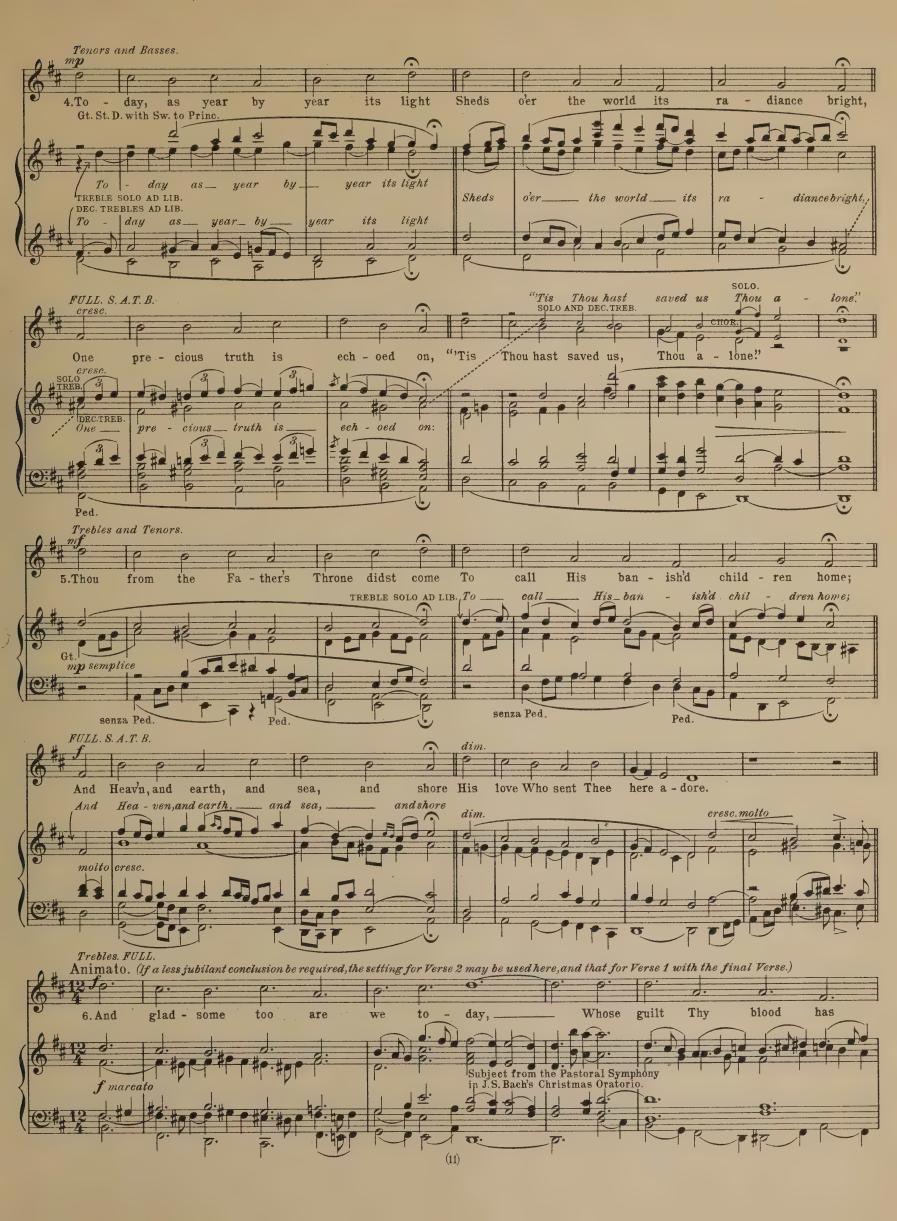
#### "O CHRIST, REDEEMER OF OUR RACE!"

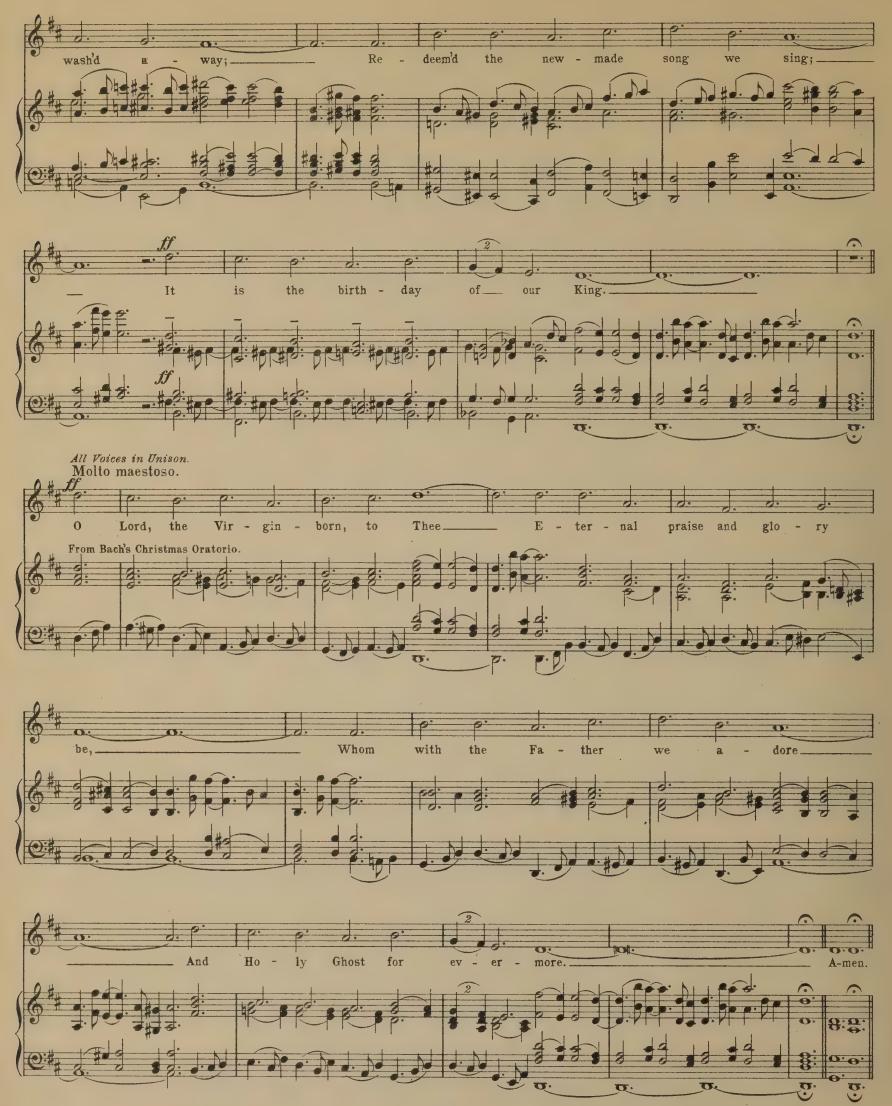
Words from the Latin. 0.E.57; N.E.57.

Note. The added voice parts, indicated in the Organ Accompaniment at certain verses of this setting, are purely optional.

The Tune "Vom Himmel hoch" (Erfurt) Wittenberg Gesangbuch. 1537. O. E. 57. 614; N. E. 57.

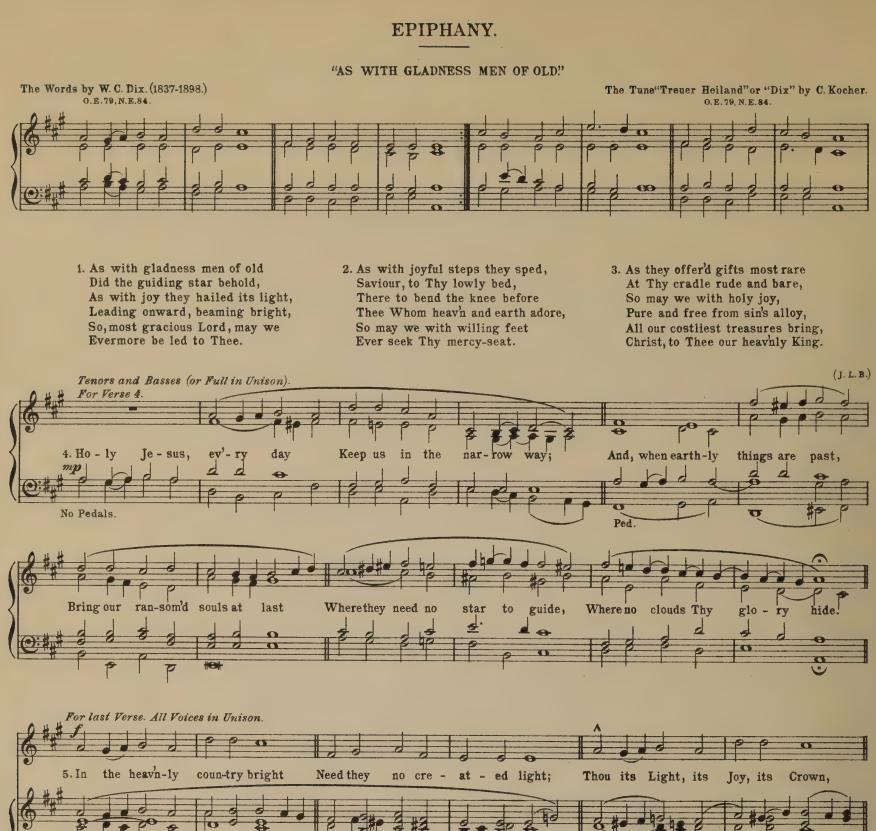


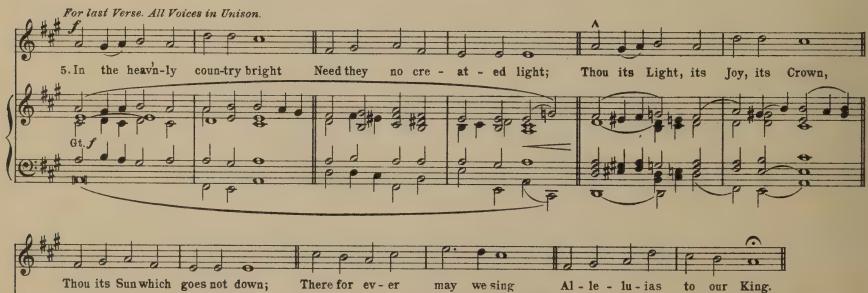




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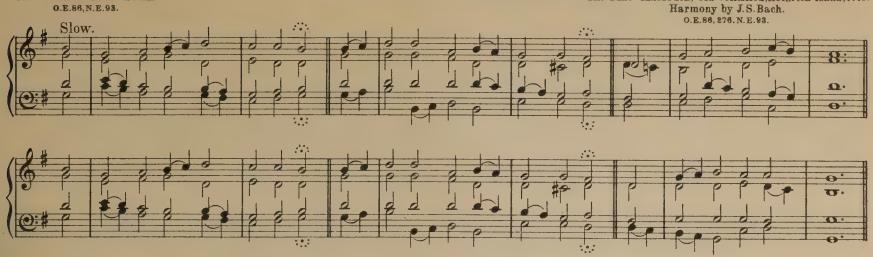


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The Tune "Innsbruck," Old Volkslied, Heinrich Isaak, 1440.

Harmony by J.S. Bach.



1.mf O Thou Who dost to man accord
His highest prize, his best reward,
Thou hope of all our race;
Jesu, to Thee we now draw near,
Our earnest supplications hear,
Who humbly seek Thy Face.
(New Ed? As we devoutly seek Thy Face.)

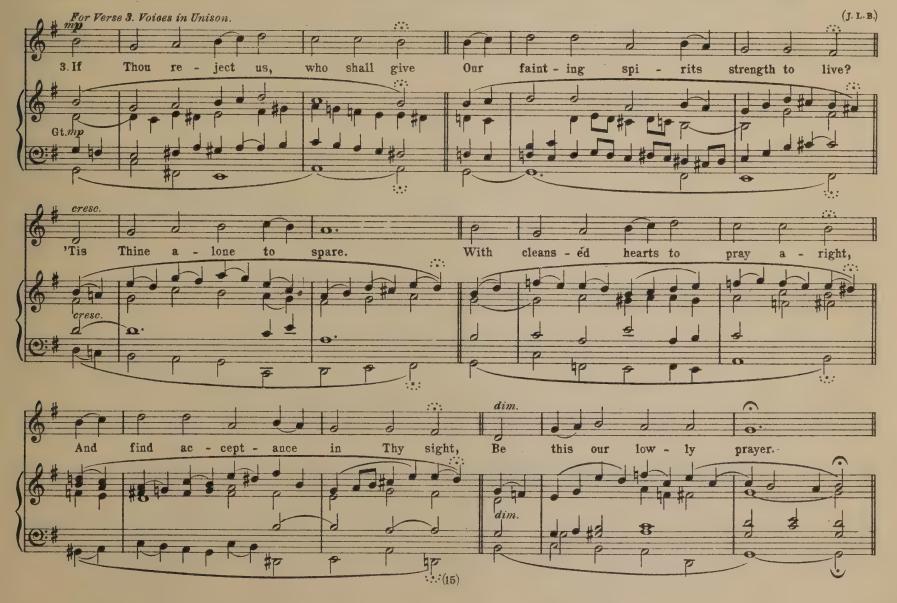
2.mp With self accusing voice within
Our conscience tells of many a sin
In thought, and word, and deed:
cresc. O cleanse that conscience from all stain,
The penitent restore again,
From every burden freed.
(From all the load of trespass freed.)

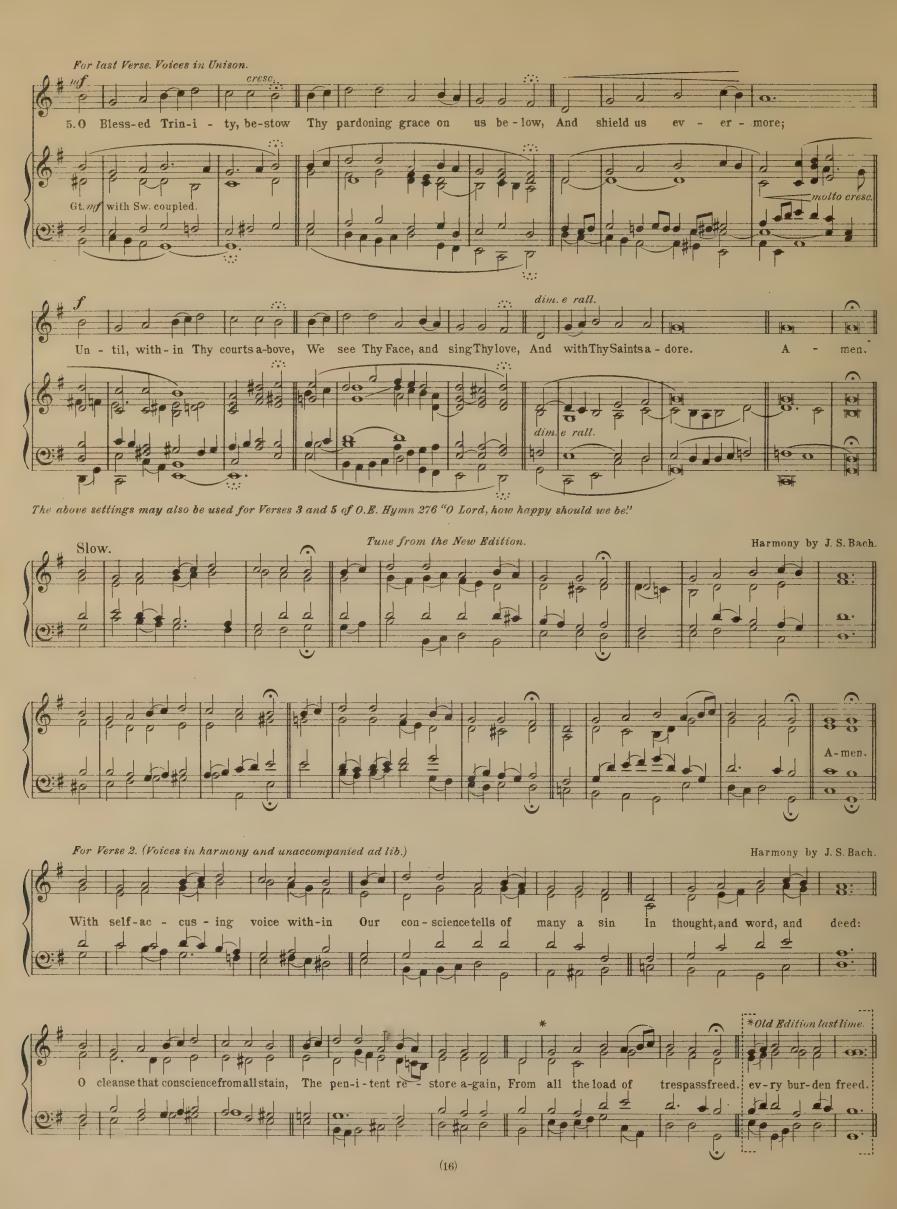
3.mp If Thou reject us, who shall give
Our fainting spirits strength to live?
crese. 'Tis Thine alone to spare:
With cleansed hearts to pray aright,
And find acceptance in Thy sight,
Be this our lowly prayer.
(Be this, O Lord, our lowly prayer.)

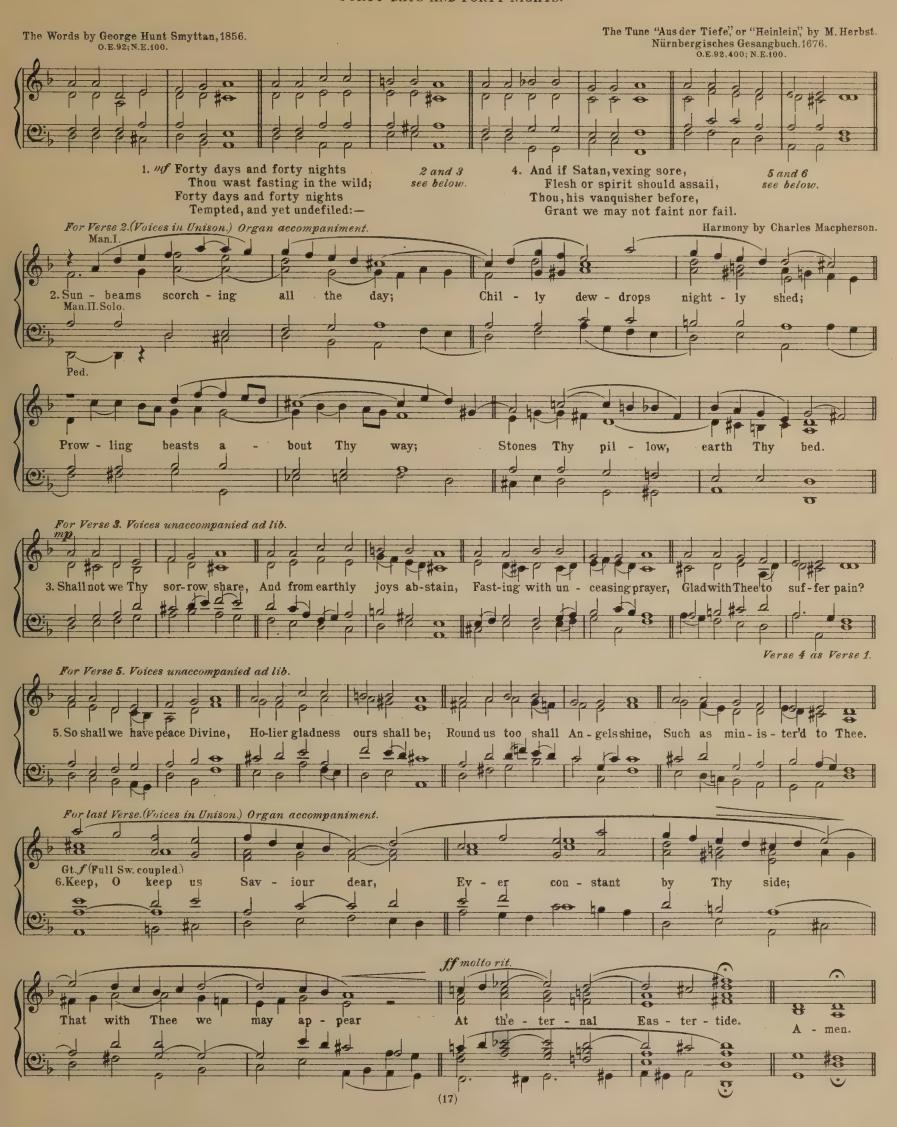
4.'Tis Thou hast bless'd this solemn fast;
So may its days by us be pass'd
In self-control severe,
erese. That, when our Easter morn we hail,
Its mystic feast we may not fail
To keep with conscience clear.
(To celebrate with conscience clear.)

5.mf O Blessed Trinity, bestow
Thy pardoning grace on us below,
erese. And shield us evermore;
f Until, within Thy courts above,
We see Thy Face, and sing Thy love,
dim. And with Thy saints adore.
(And ever with Thy saints adore.)

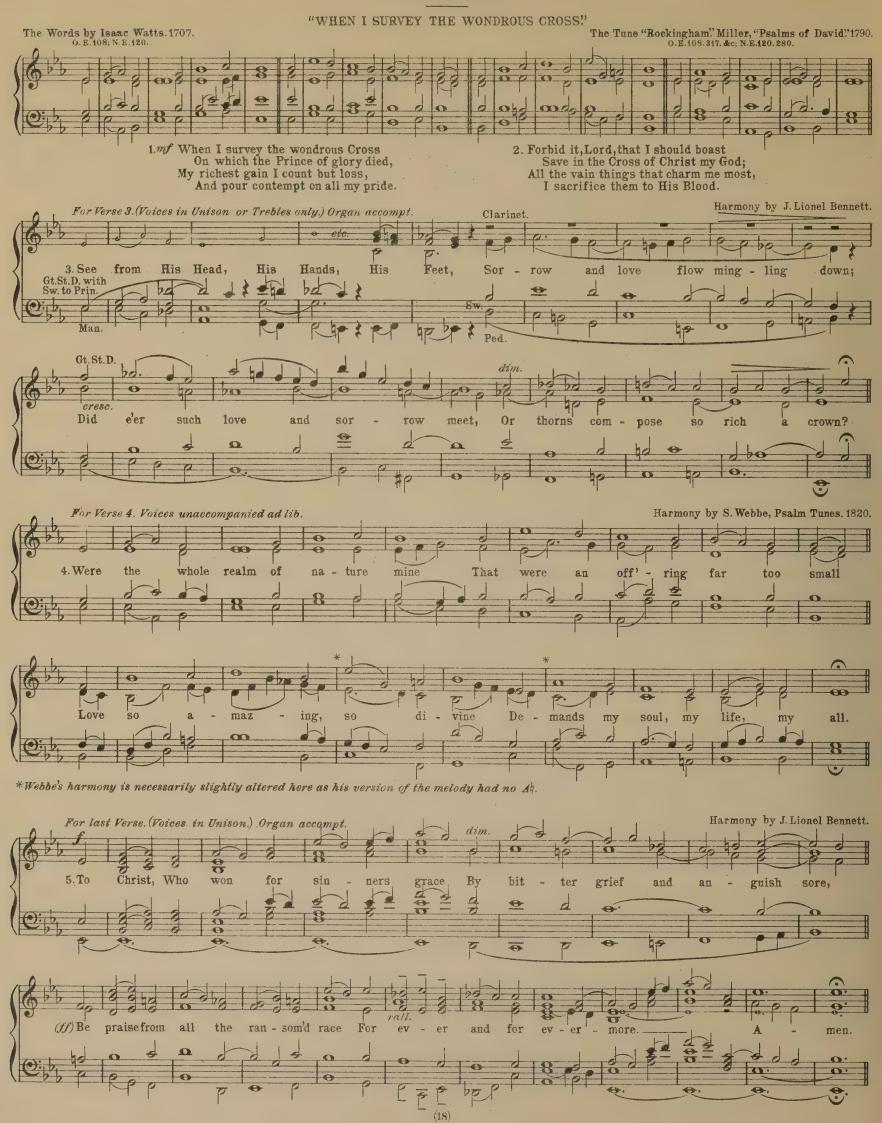
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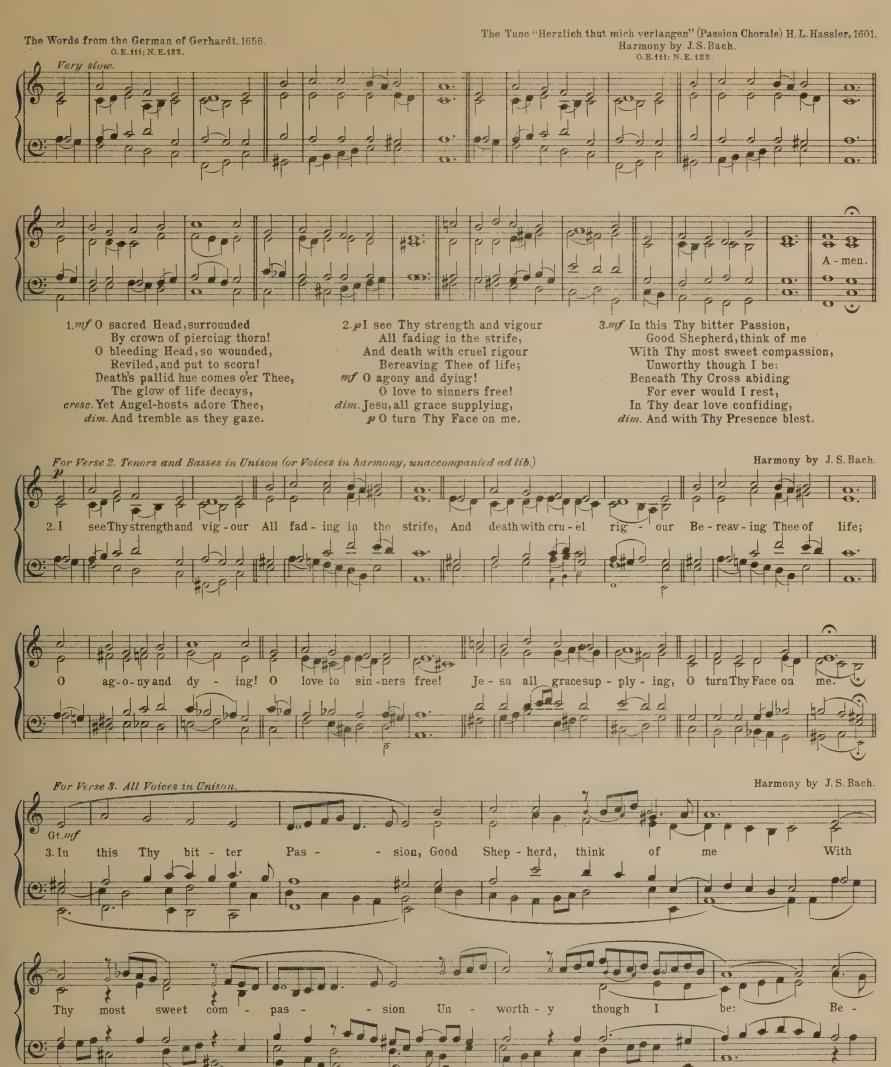




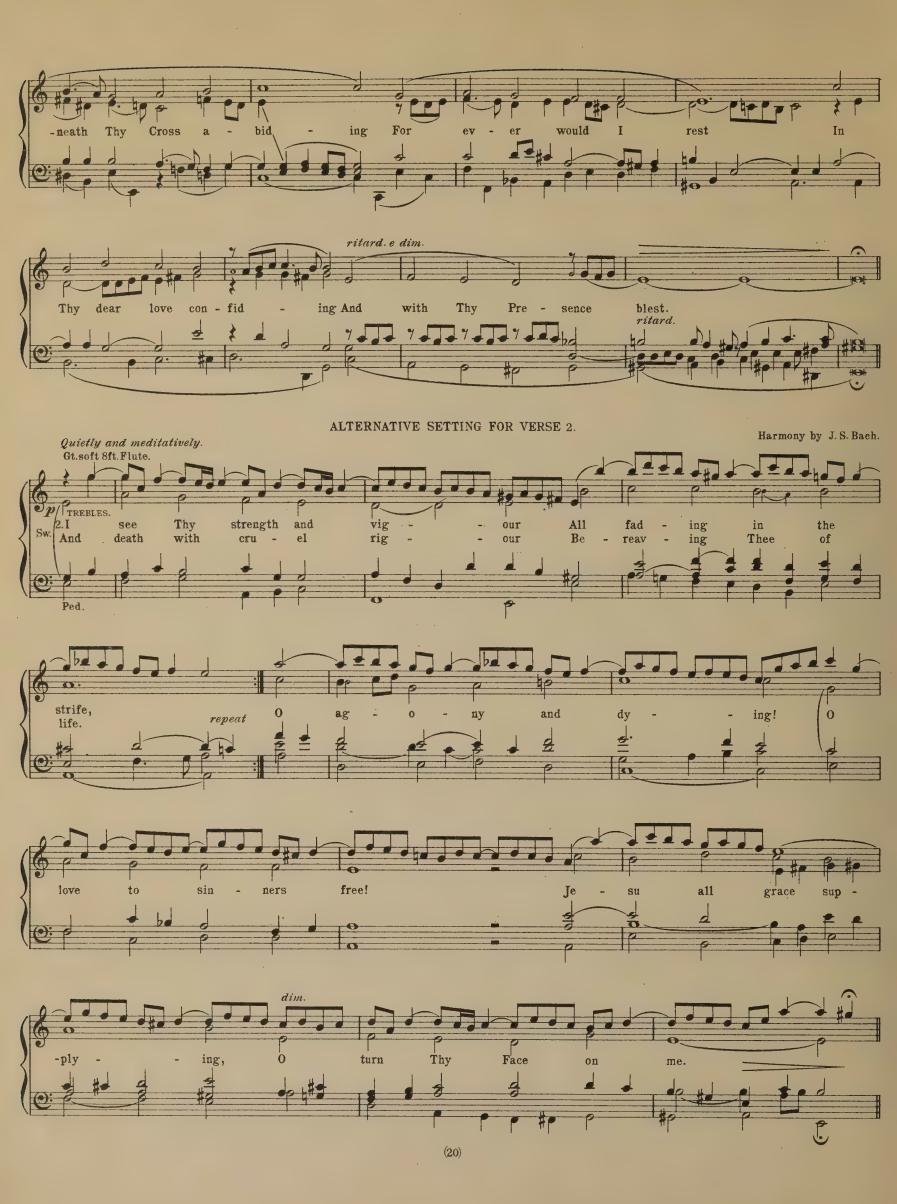


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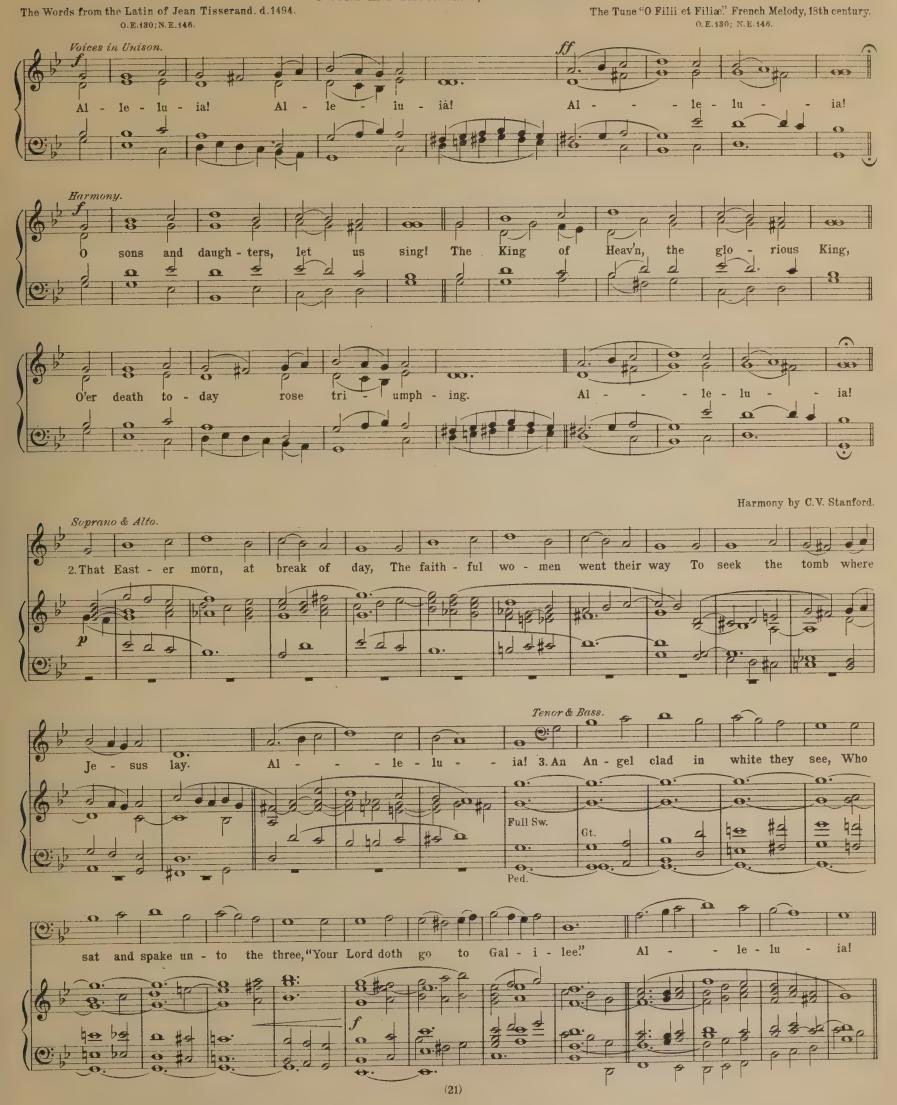


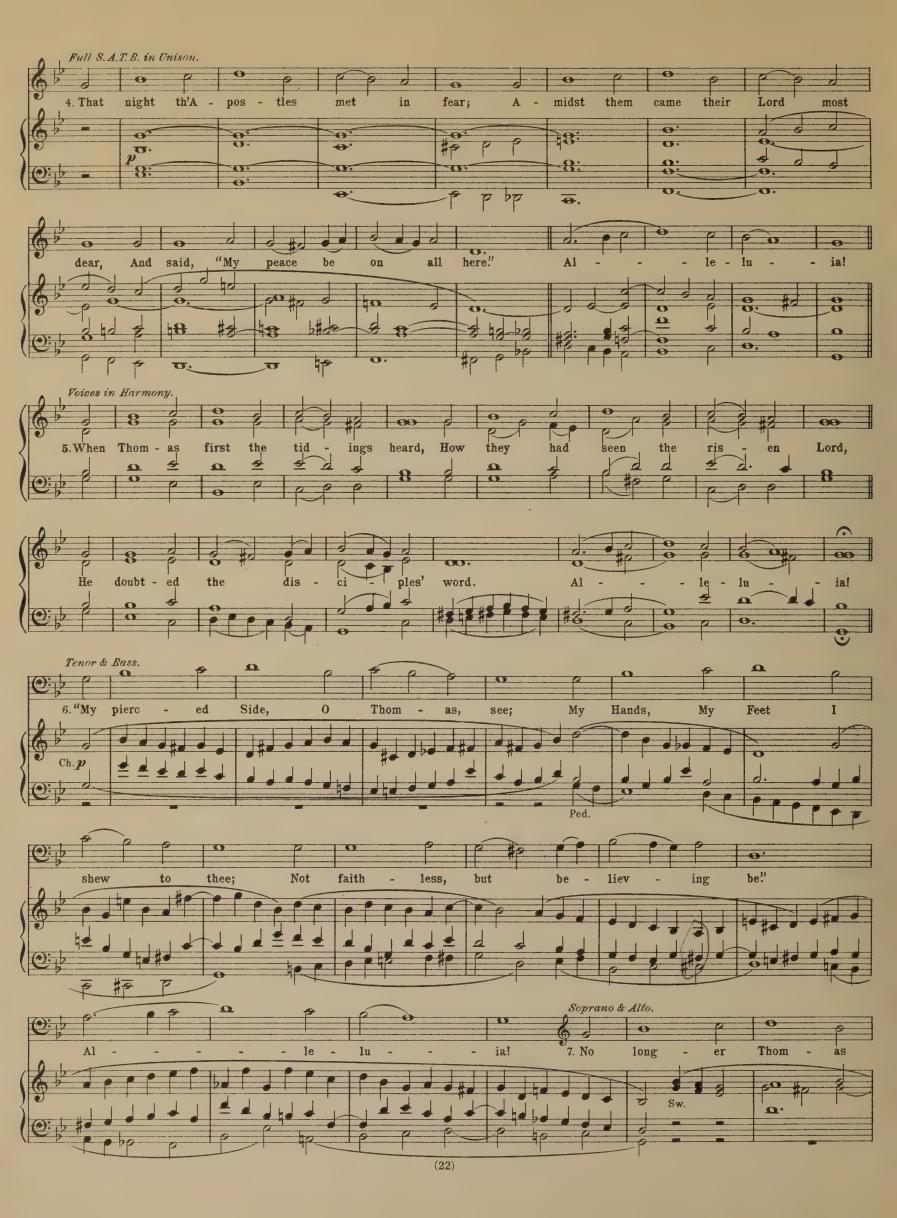
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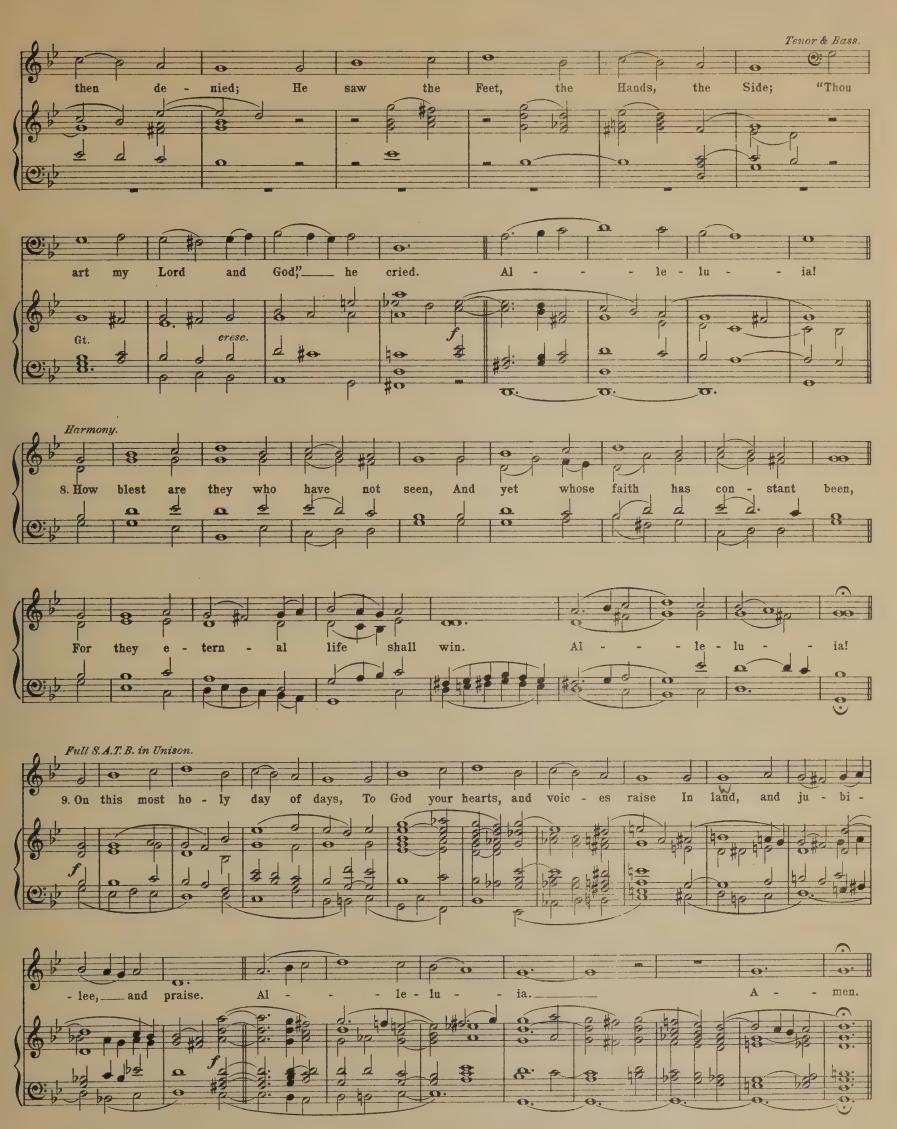


#### EASTER.

"O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING"







#### ASCENSIONTIDE.

"THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS."

see Page 46.

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#### WHITSUNTIDE.

The Words by J. Keble, 1827.
O.E. 154; N.E. 185.

"WHEN GOD OF OLD CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN."

The Tune "Winchester Old." Este Psalms, 1592.
O.E. 62, 154; N.E. 64.

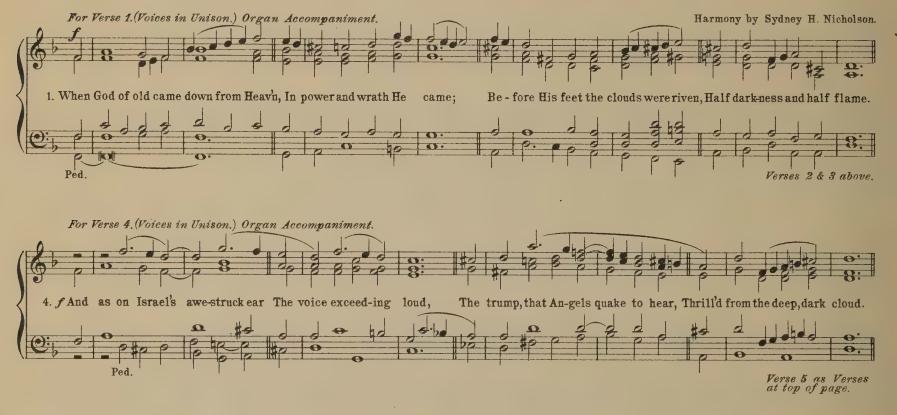


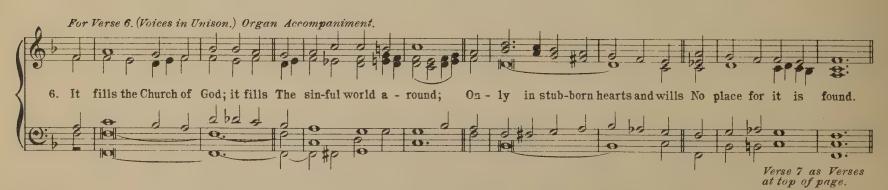
 f When God of old came down from Heavh, In power and wrath He came; Before His feet the clouds were riven, Half darkness and half flame. 2.p But, when He came the second time, He came in power and love; Softer than gale at morning prime Hover'd His holy Dove. 3. f The fires, that rush'd on Sinai down
In sudden torrents dread,
Now gently light, a glorious crown,
On every sainted head.

4. see below.

5.mp So, when the Spirit of our God 7.mf Come, Lord, come Wisdom, Love, and Power, Came down His flock to find, Open our ears to hear;
A voice from Heav'n was heard abroad, Let us not miss th' accepted hour;
A rushing, mighty wind. 6. see below. Save, Lord, by love or fear.

Amen.



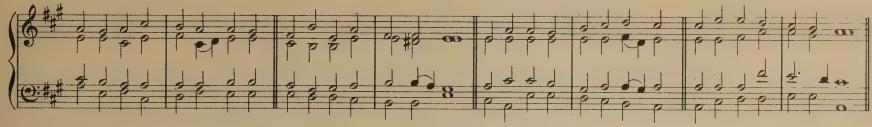


#### TRINITY and GENERAL.

#### "BRIGHT THE VISION THAT DELIGHTED!"

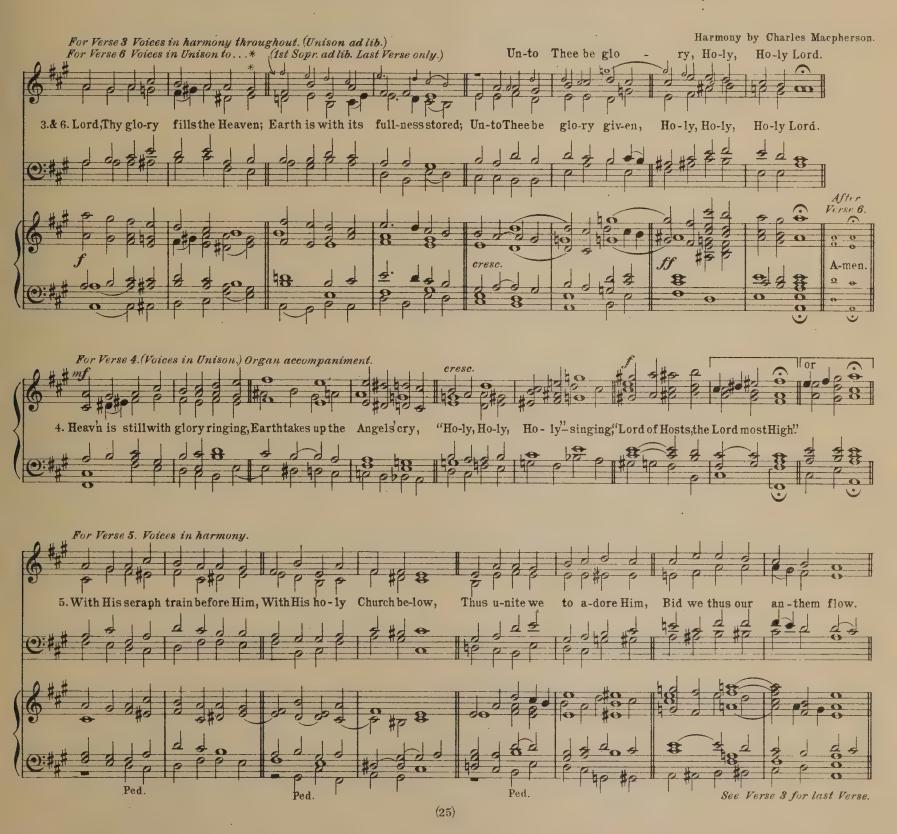
The Words by Bishop Mant. 1837. O.E. 161; N.E. 310.

The Tune "Dresden" from a German Choral. O.E.161; N.E.310.



1. f Bright the vision that delighted Once the sight of Judah's seer; Sweet the countless tongues united To entrance the prophet's ear.

2. Round the Lord in glory seated Cherubim and Seraphim Fill'd His temple, and repeated Each to each th'alternate hymn.



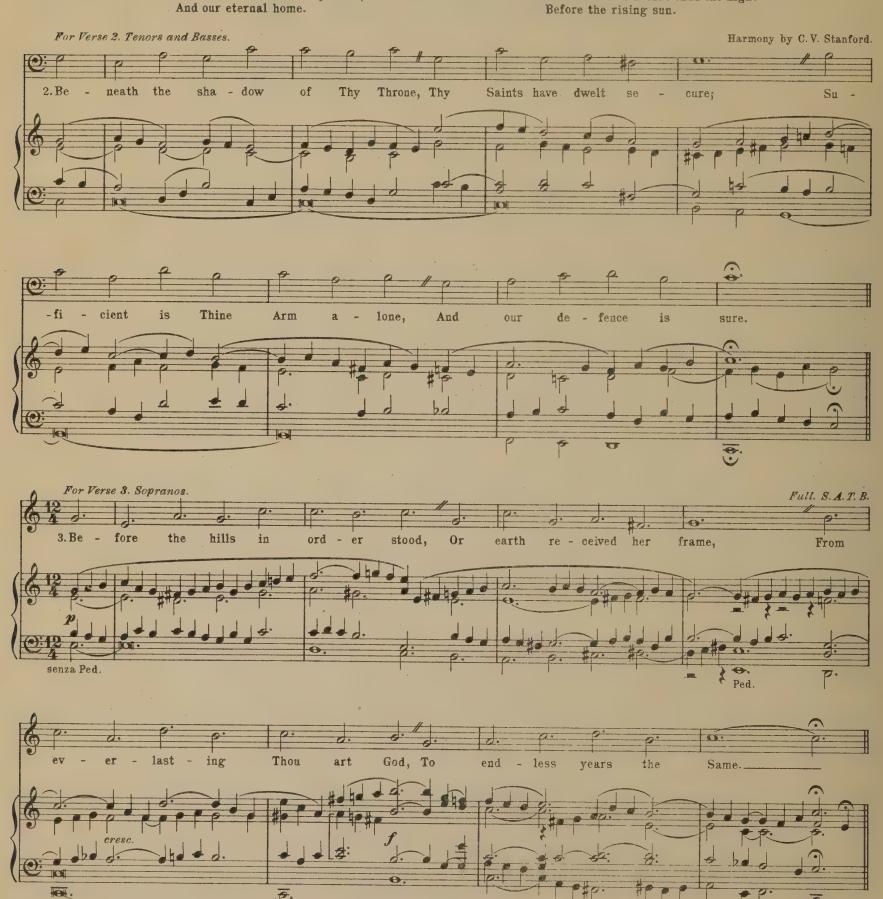
The Words by Dr Watts.

The Tune "St. Anne" (by 'M! Denby' in Barber's Psalm Tunes 1687).

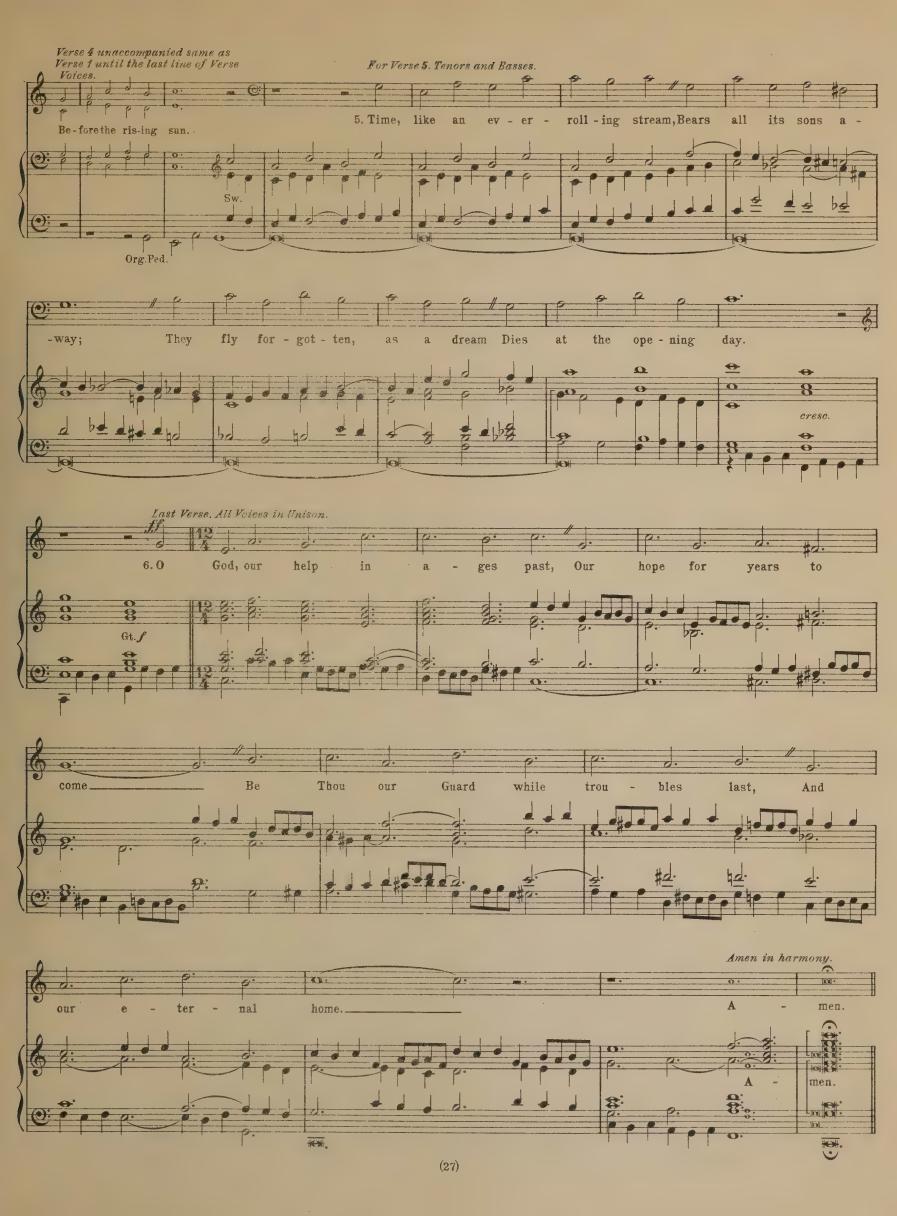


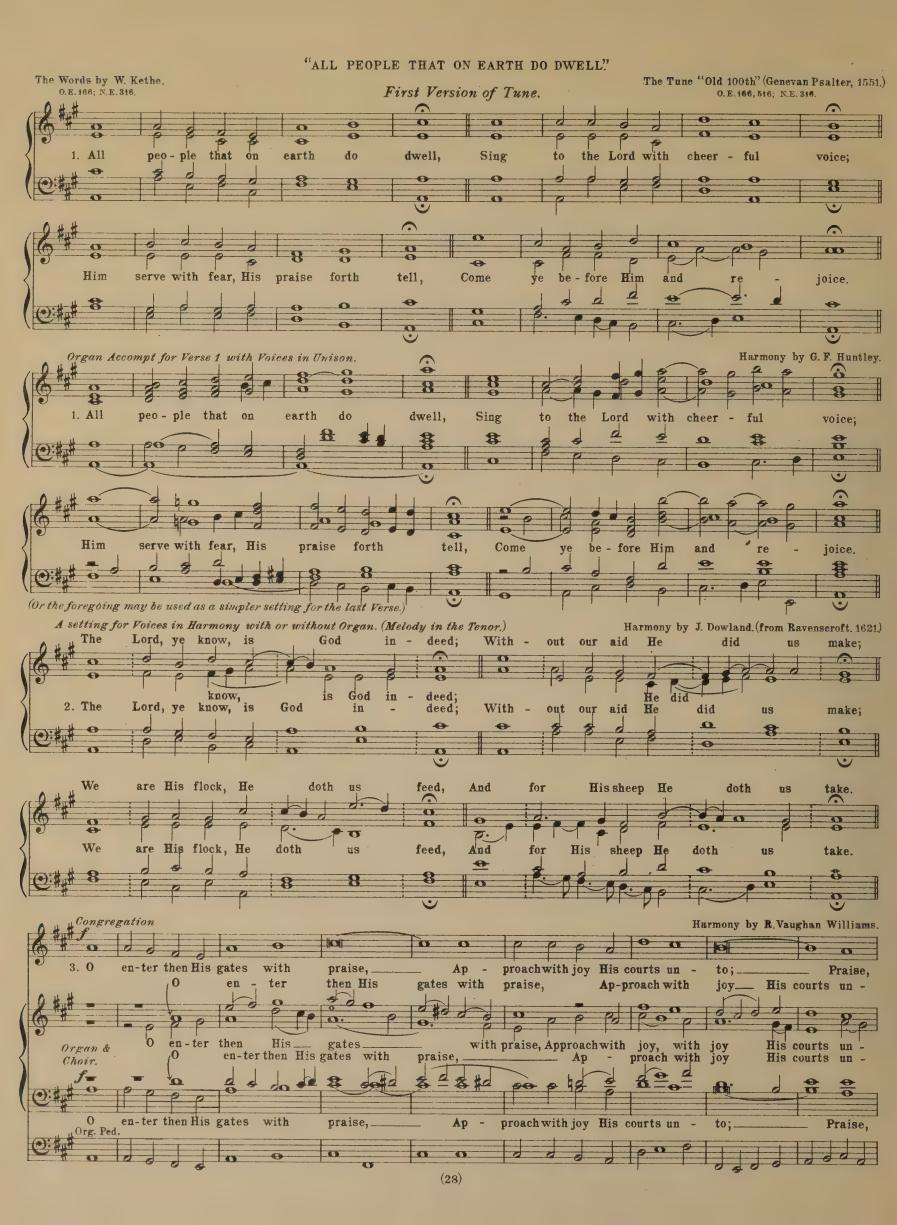
1.f O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

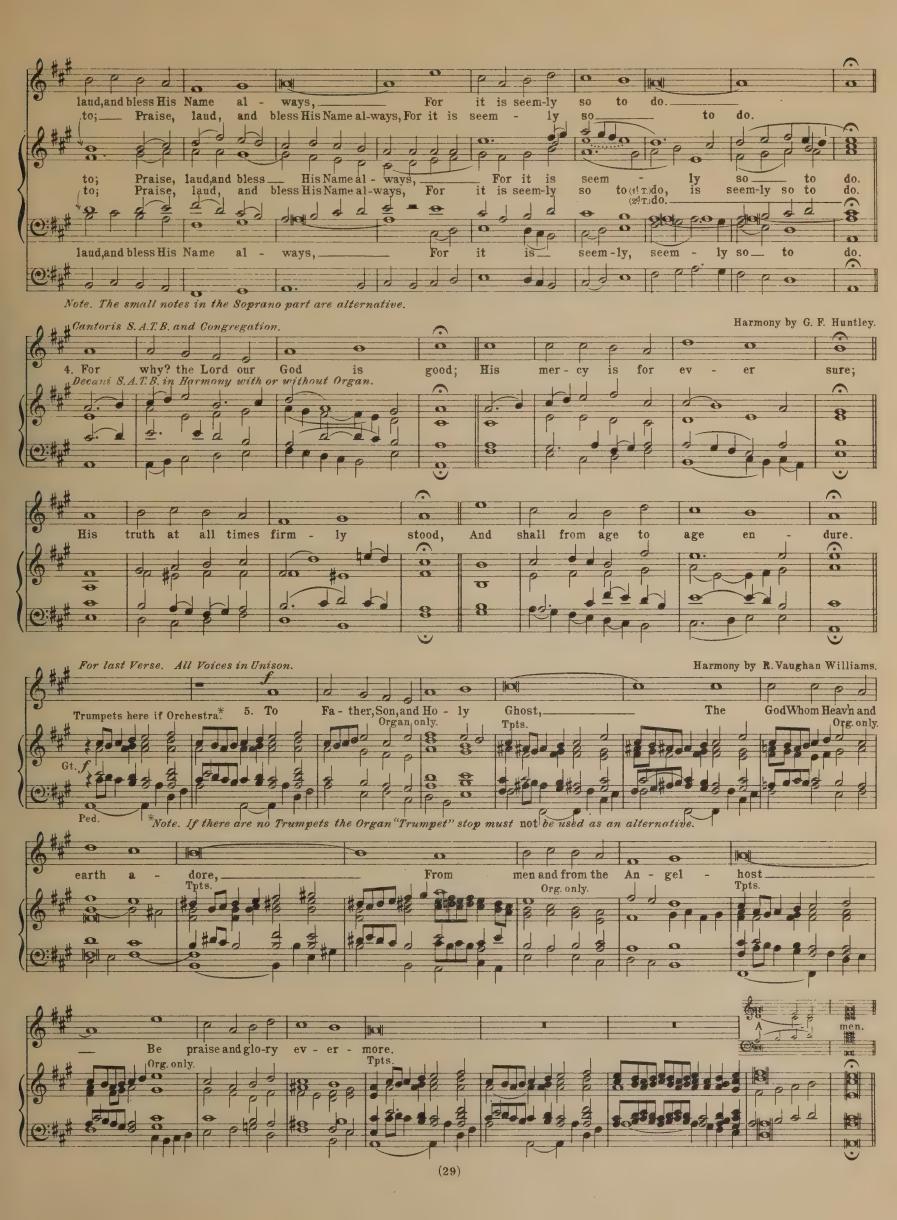
2 & 3 see below. 4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

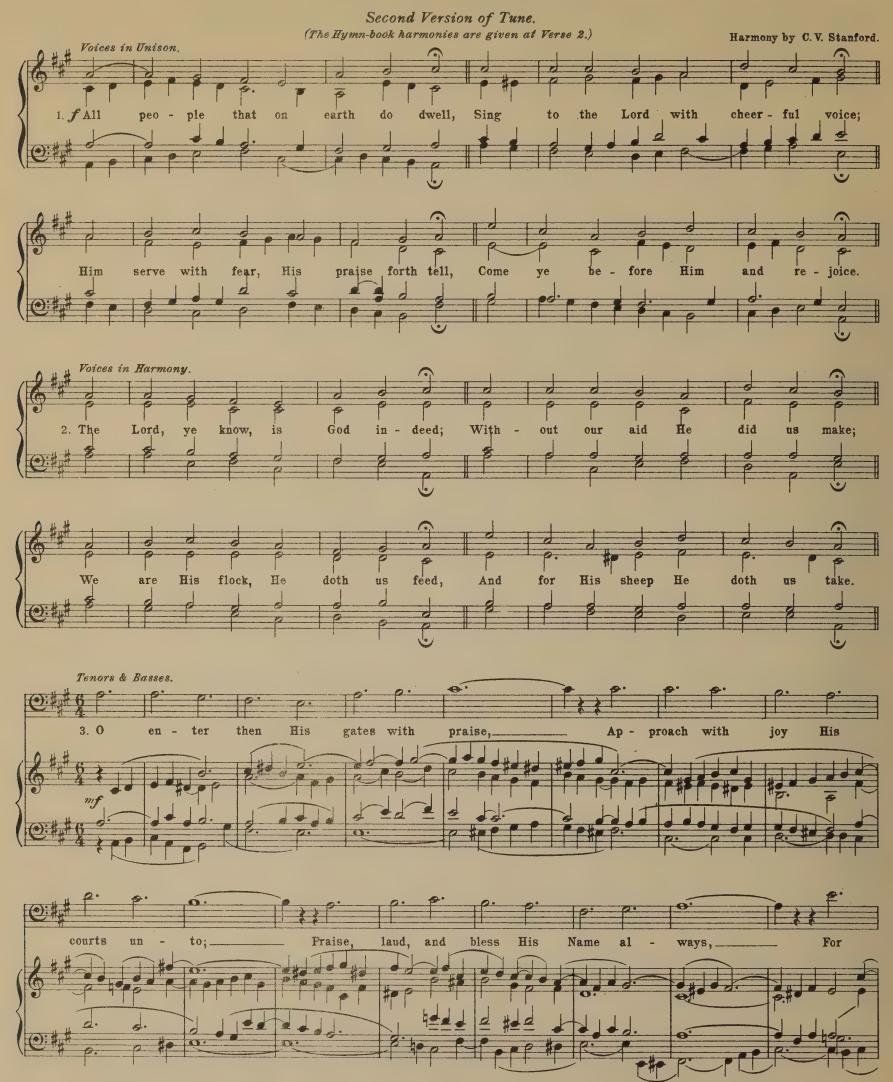


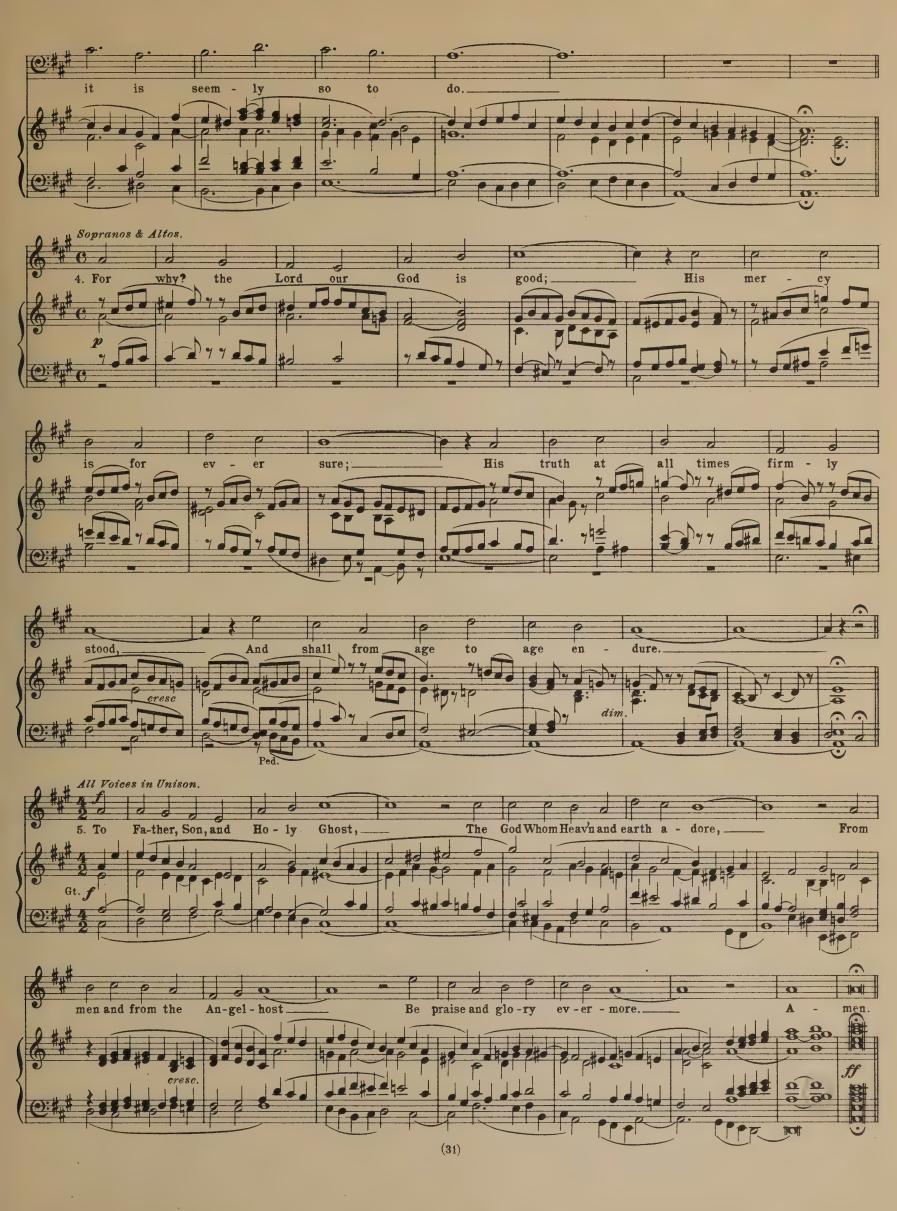
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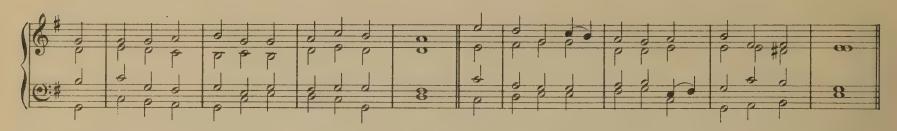






The Words by Sir Robert Grant. 1785-1838. O.E.467; N.E.326. The Tune "Old 104th" Ravenscroft's Psalmes. 1621. o.E.167; N.E.193.

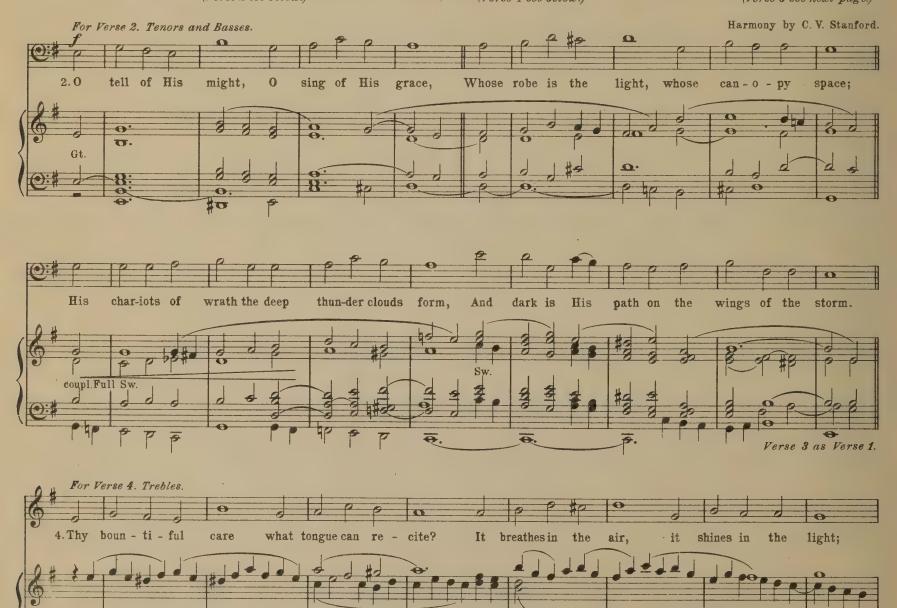


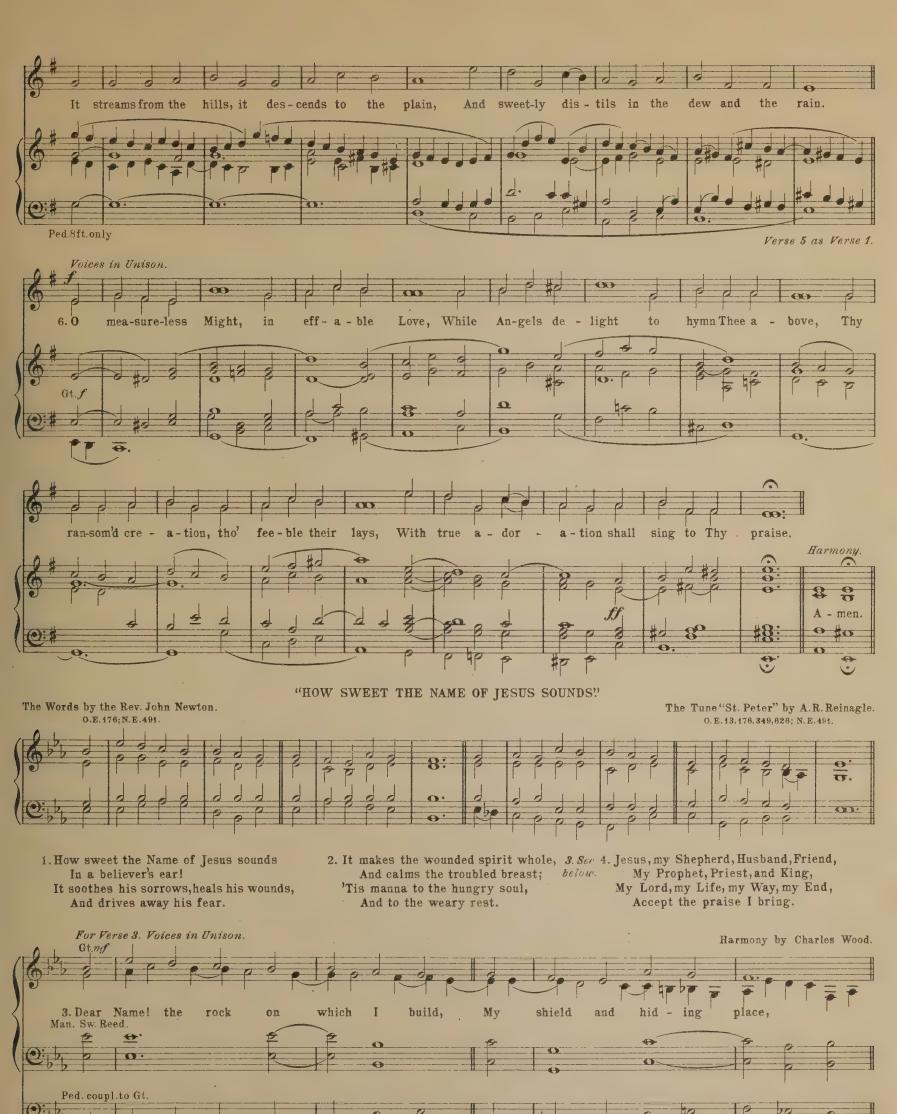


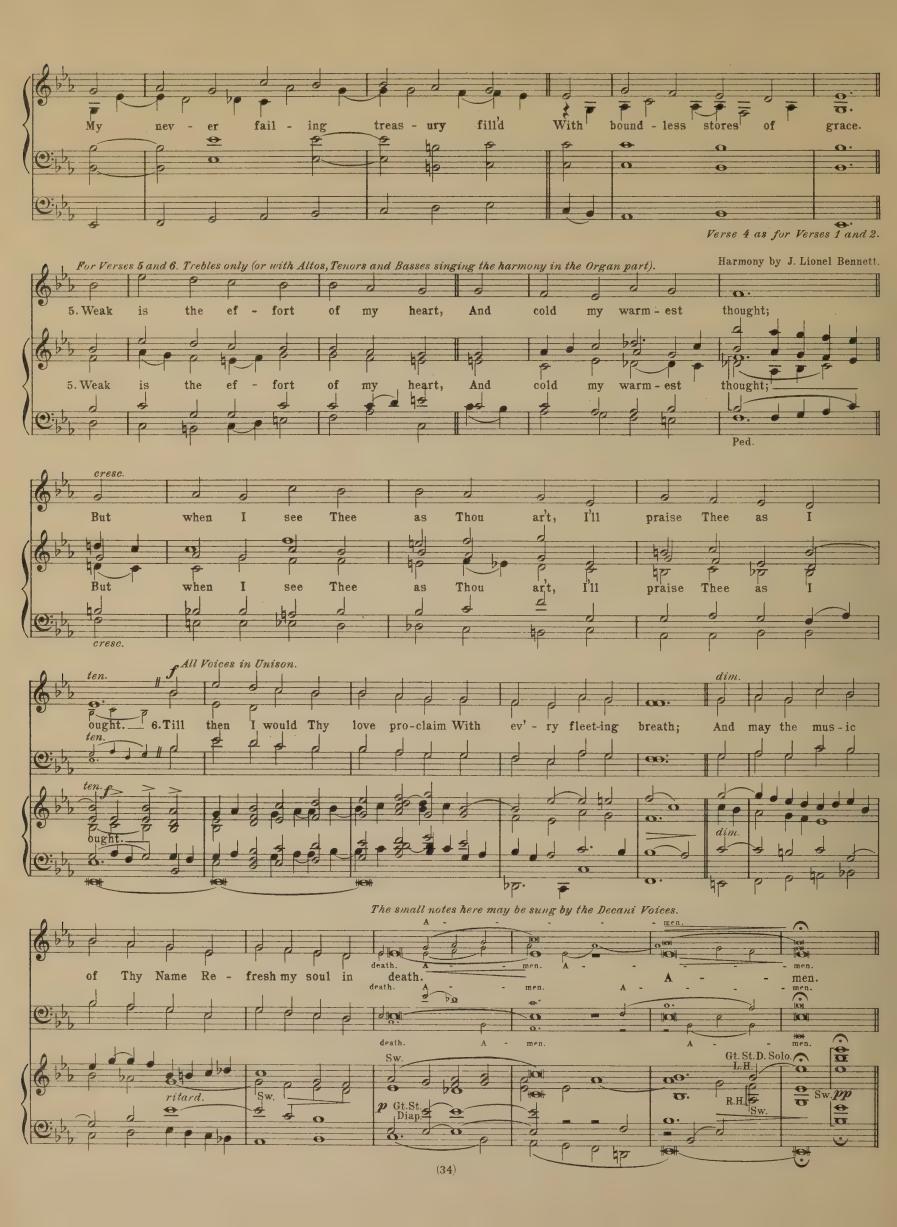
- 1.0 worship the King All-glorious above;
  O gratefully sing His power and His love;
  Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
  Pavilion'd in splendour, and girded with praise.
  (Verse 2 see below.)
- 3. The earth with it's store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old; Hath stablish'd it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

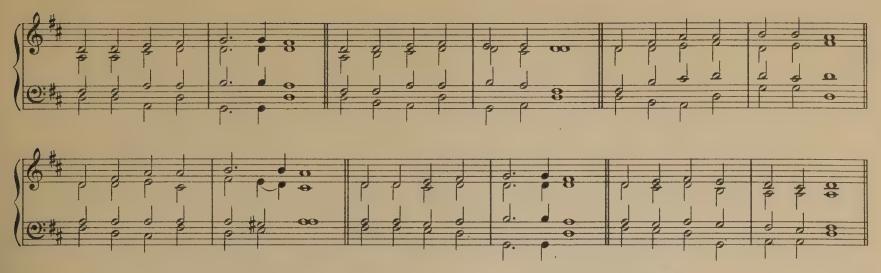
  (Verse 4 see below.)
- 5. Frail children of dust and feeble and frail
  In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
  Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
  Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

  (Verse 6 see next page.)

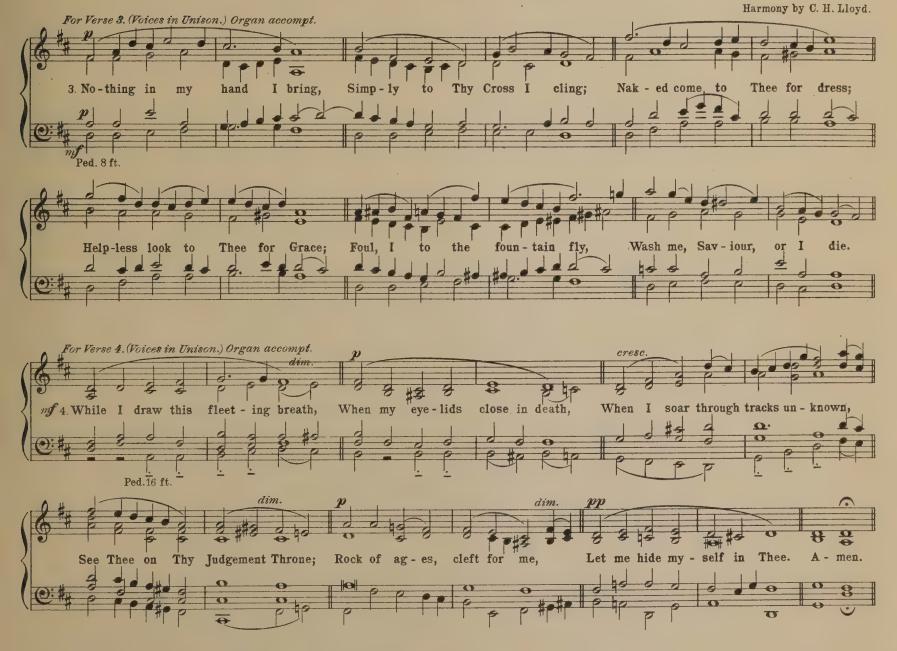








- 1. mf Rock of ages, cleft for me,
  Let me hide myself in Thee
  Let the Water and the Blood,
  From Thy riven side which flowed
  Be of sin the double cure,
  Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- 2. Not the labours of my hands
  Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
  Could my zeal no respite know,
  Could my tears for ever flow,
  All for sin could not atone;
  Thou must save, and Thou alone.



O Love, I give my self to Thee, Thine ev - er, on - ly Thine to be. A-men.

Where the self to Thee, Thine ev - er, on - ly Thine to be. A-men.

Self to Thee, Thine ev - er, on - ly Thine to be. A-men.

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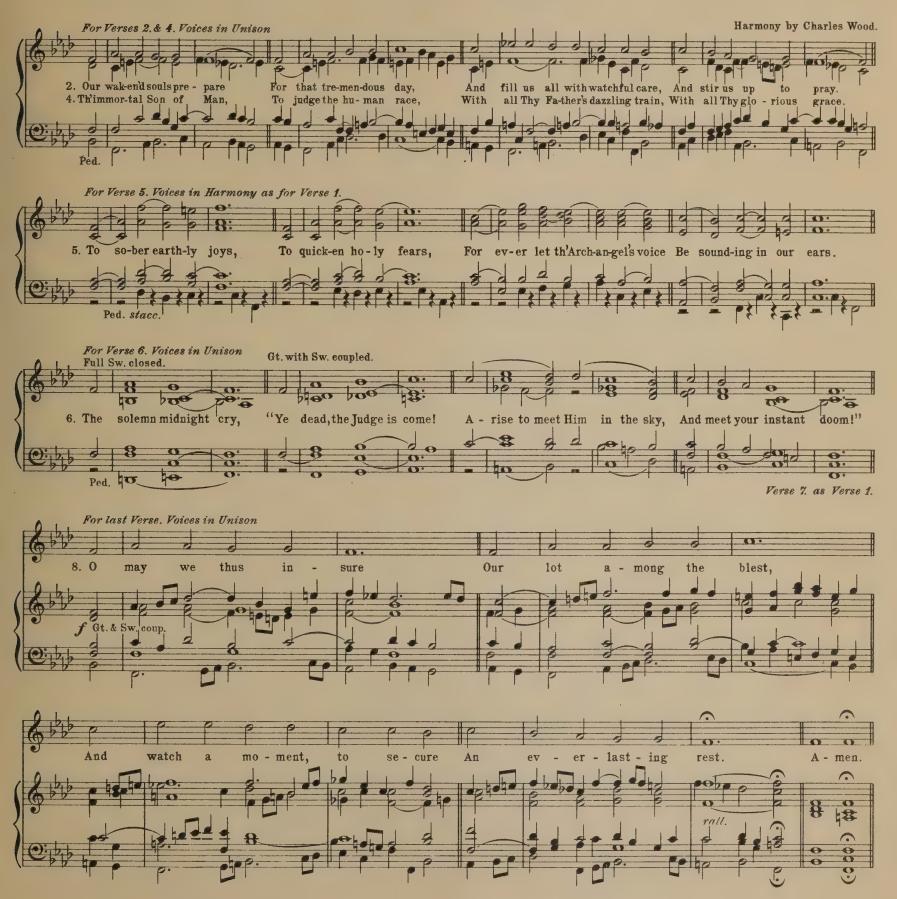


- 1. Thou Judge of quick and dead,
  Before Whose bar severe
  With holy joy, or guilty dread,
  We all shall soon appear.
- 2. see below.
- 3. To pray, and wait the hour,

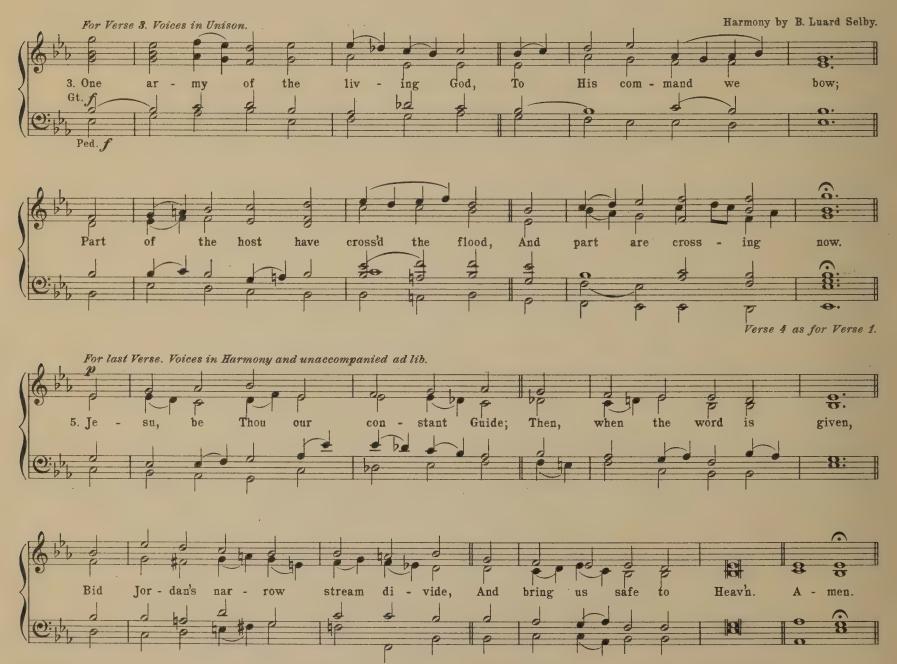
  The awful hour unknown,

  When, robed in majesty and power,

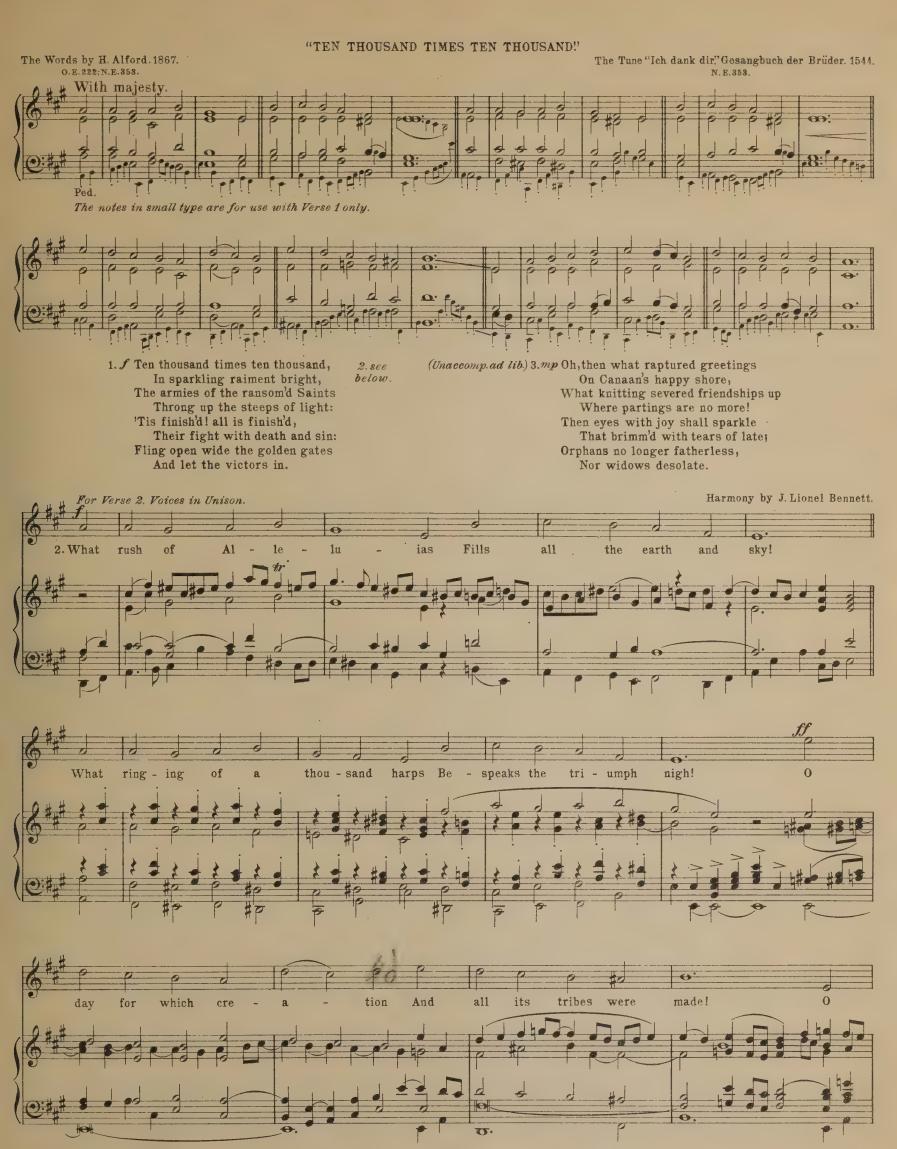
  Thou shalt from Heavn come down.
  - 7. O may we thus be found
    Obedient to His Word,
    Attentive to the trumpet's sound,
    And looking for our Lord.

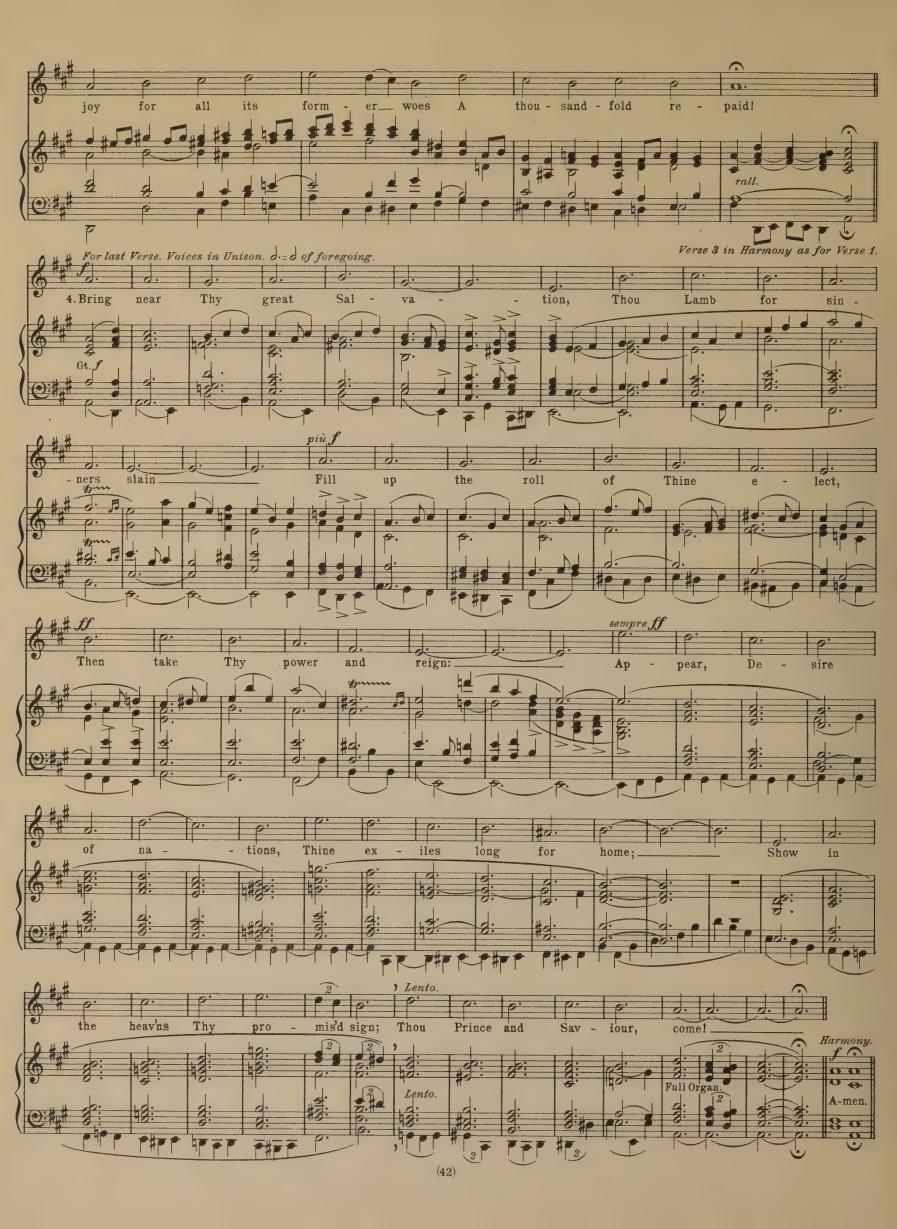


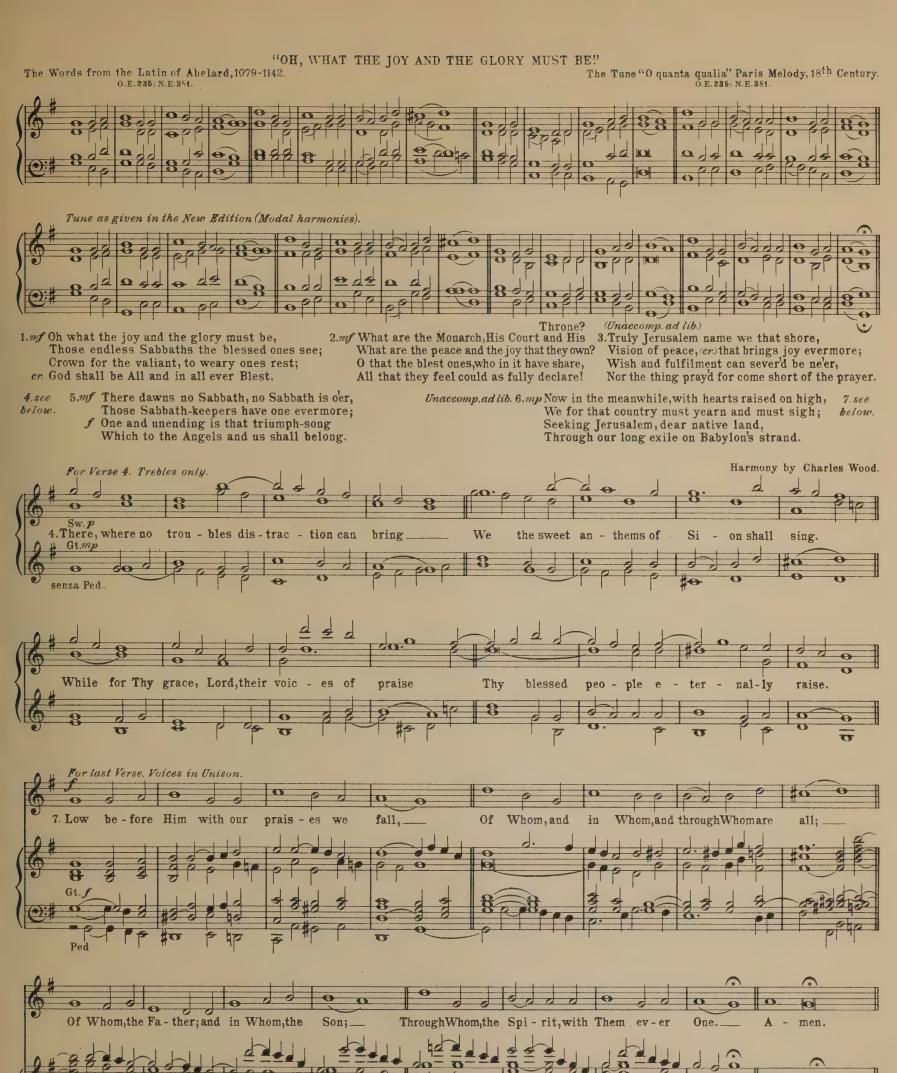




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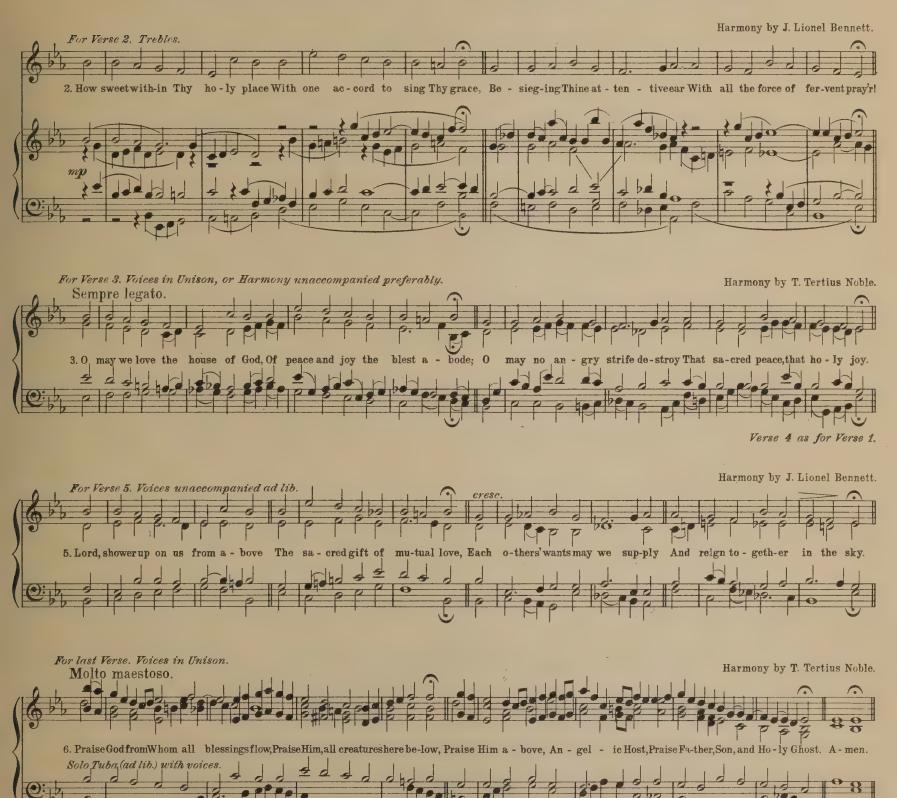
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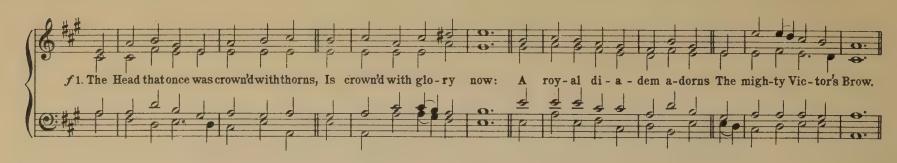


1. mf O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in love to Thee!
On Thee alone their heart relies,
Their only strength Thy grace supplies.

2.& 3. see below. 4. mf The world without may rage, but we Will only cling more close to Thee, With hearts to Thee more wholly given More wean'd from earth, more fix'd on Heav'n.



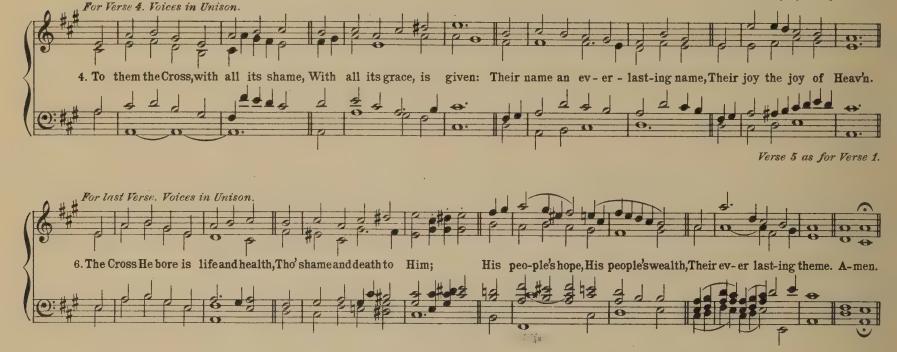
The Words by T. Kelly. 1769-1854. O.E. 301; N.E. 171. The Tune "St. Magnus" (Nottingham) by J. Clark, 1670-1707.



- 2. f The highest place that Heav'n affords
  Is His, is His by right,
  ff The King of kings, and Lord of lords,
  And Heaven's eternal Light.
- "If 3. The Joy of all who dwell above,
  The Joy of all below,
  To whom He manifests His love,
  And grants His Name to know.

4. See below. 5. They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of His love.

Harmony by Percy C. Buck.



"COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE ANTHEM."

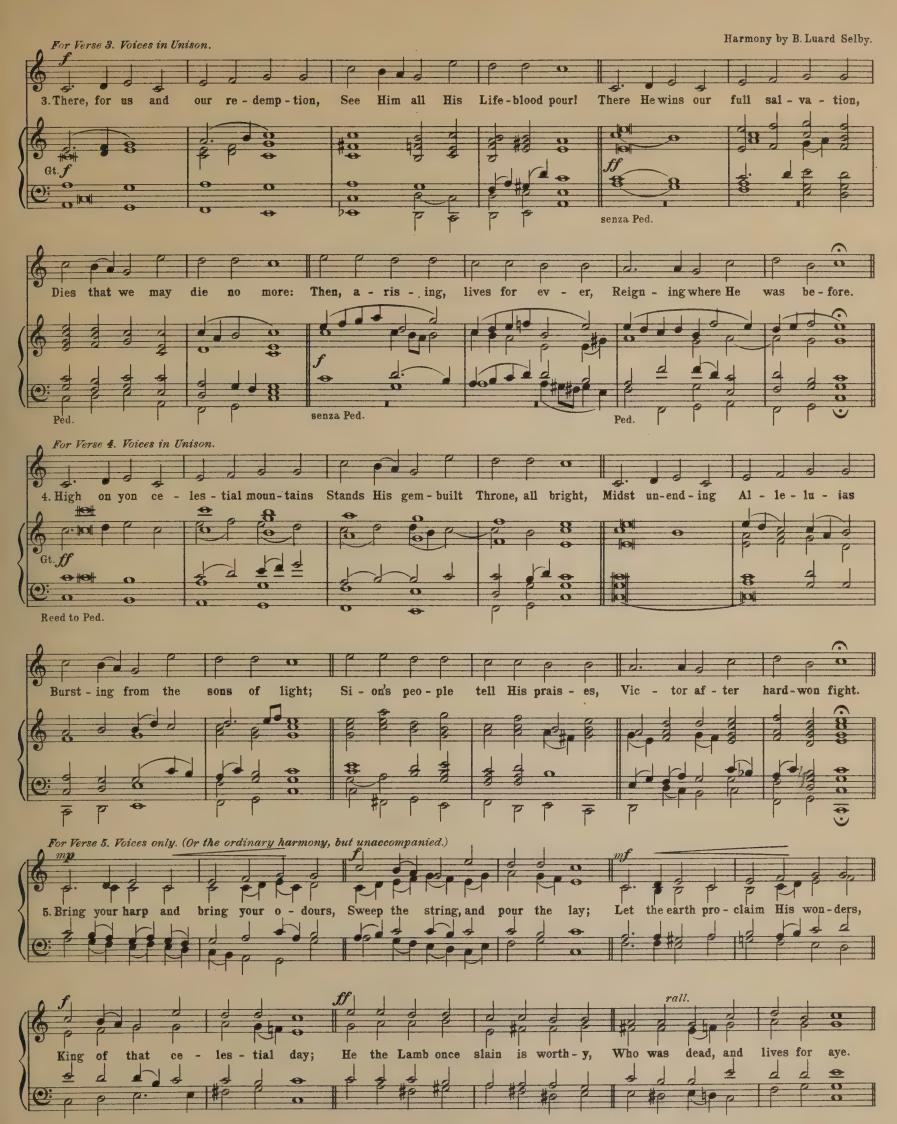
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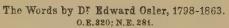


- 1. f Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
  Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
  Sing to Him Who found the ransom,
  Ancient of eternal days,
  God of God, the Word Incarnate
  Whom the Heav'n of Heav'n obeys.
- 2. mf Ere He raised the lofty mountains,
  Form'd the seas, or built the sky,
  Love eternal, free, and boundless,
  Moved the Lord of Life to die,
  Fore-ordain'd the Prince of princes
  For the Throne of Calvary.
- 6. If Laud and honour to the Father,
  Laud and honour to the Son,
  Laud and honour to the Spirit,
  Ever Three and ever One,
  Consubstantial, Co-eternal,
  While unending ages run.

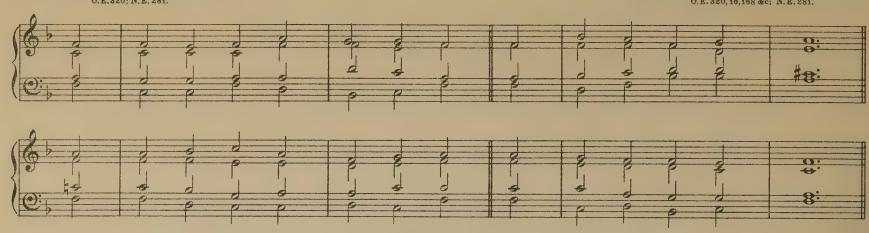


### HOLY COMMUNION.

"O GOD, UNSEEN YET EVER NEAR"



The Tune "St. Flavian". From Psalmes 1562.
O.E. 320, 16, 168 &c; N.E. 281.

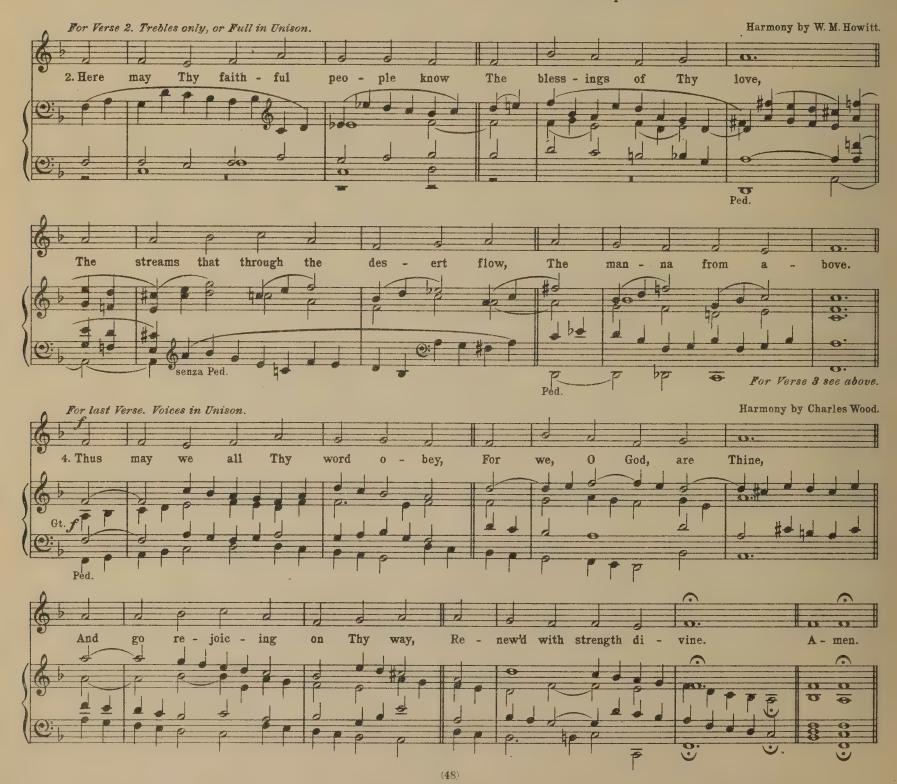


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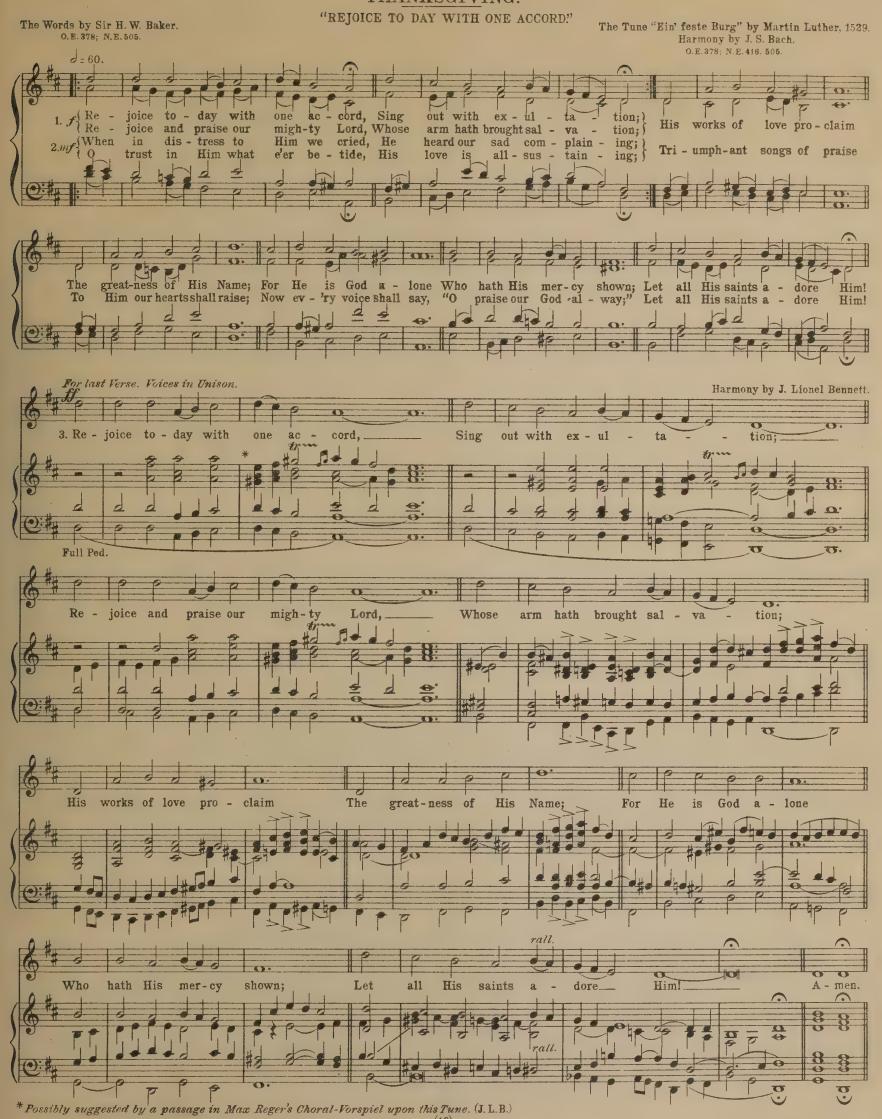
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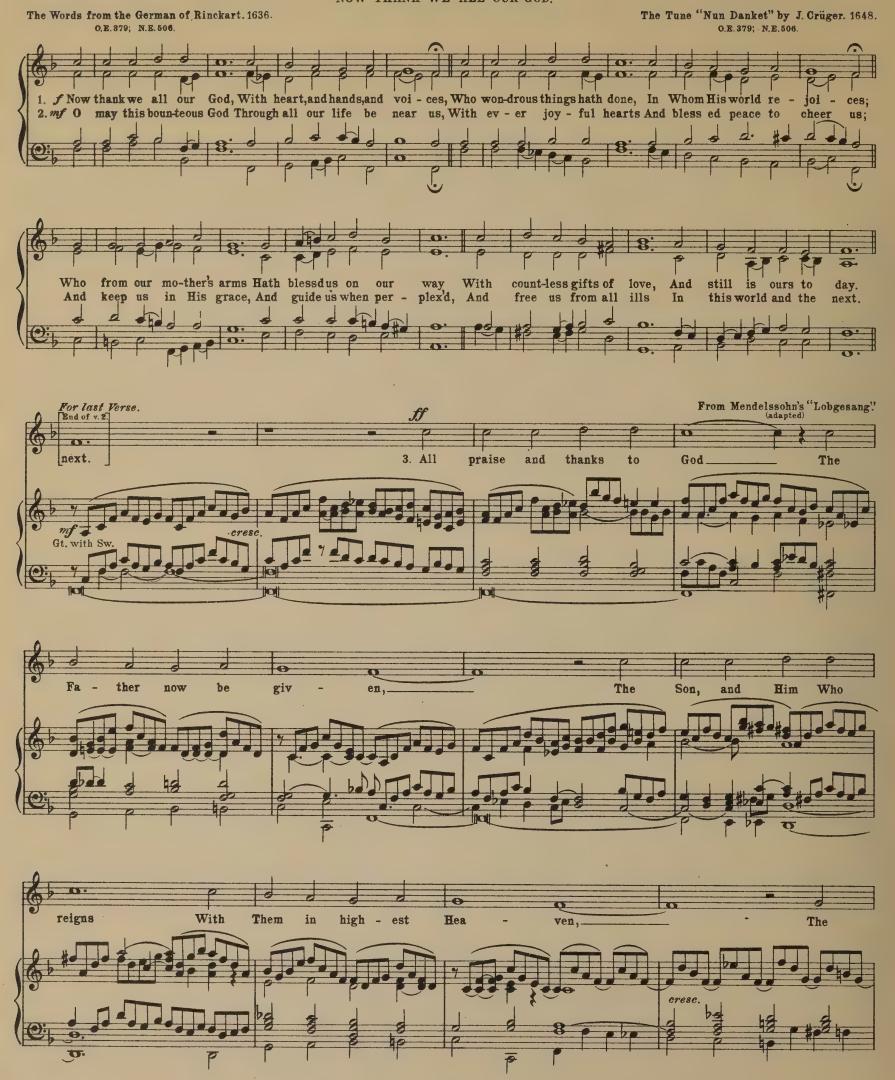
1. mp O God, unseen yet ever near,
Thy Presence may we feel;
And, thus inspired with holy fear,
Before Thine Altar kneel.

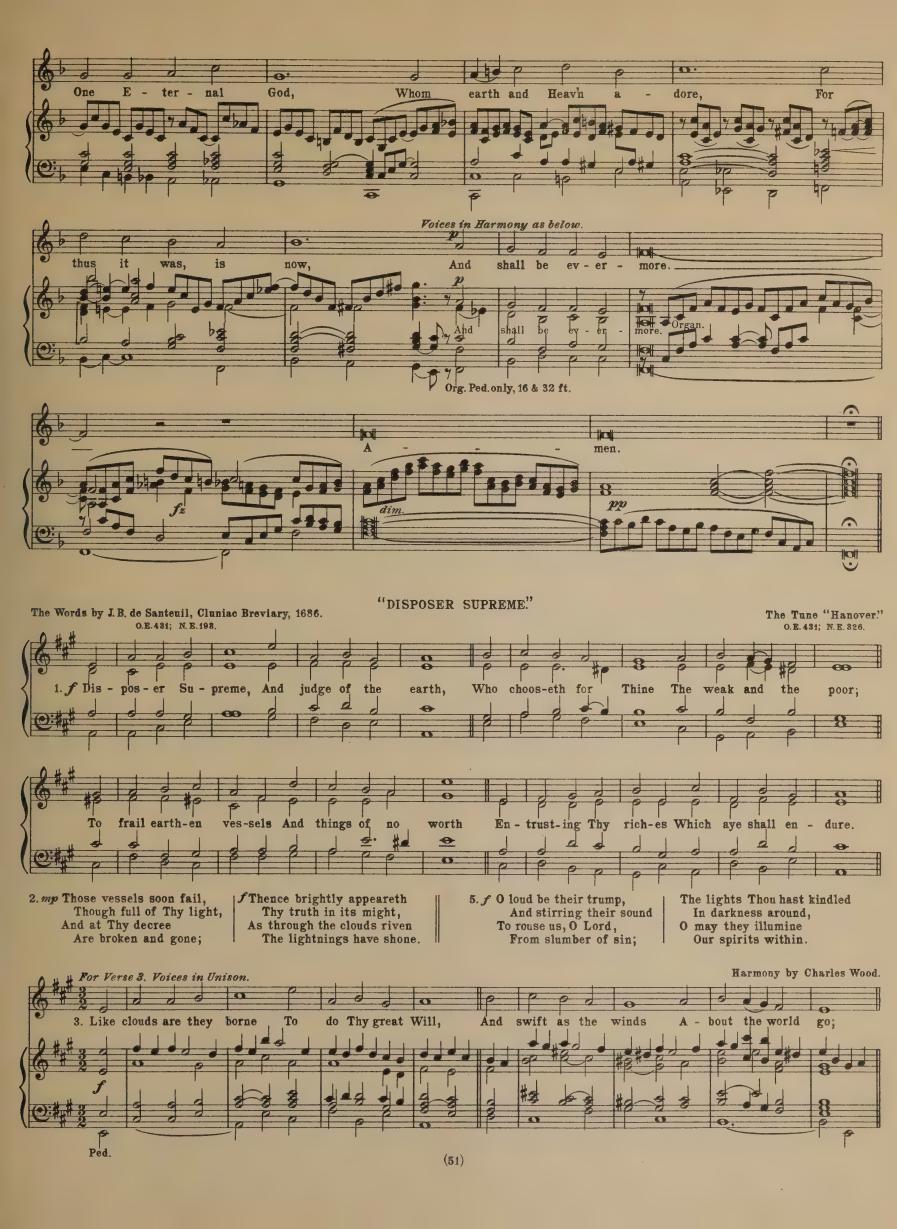
3. We come, obedient to Thy Word,
To feast on heavenly Food;
Our meat the Body of the Lord,
Our drink His precious Blood.

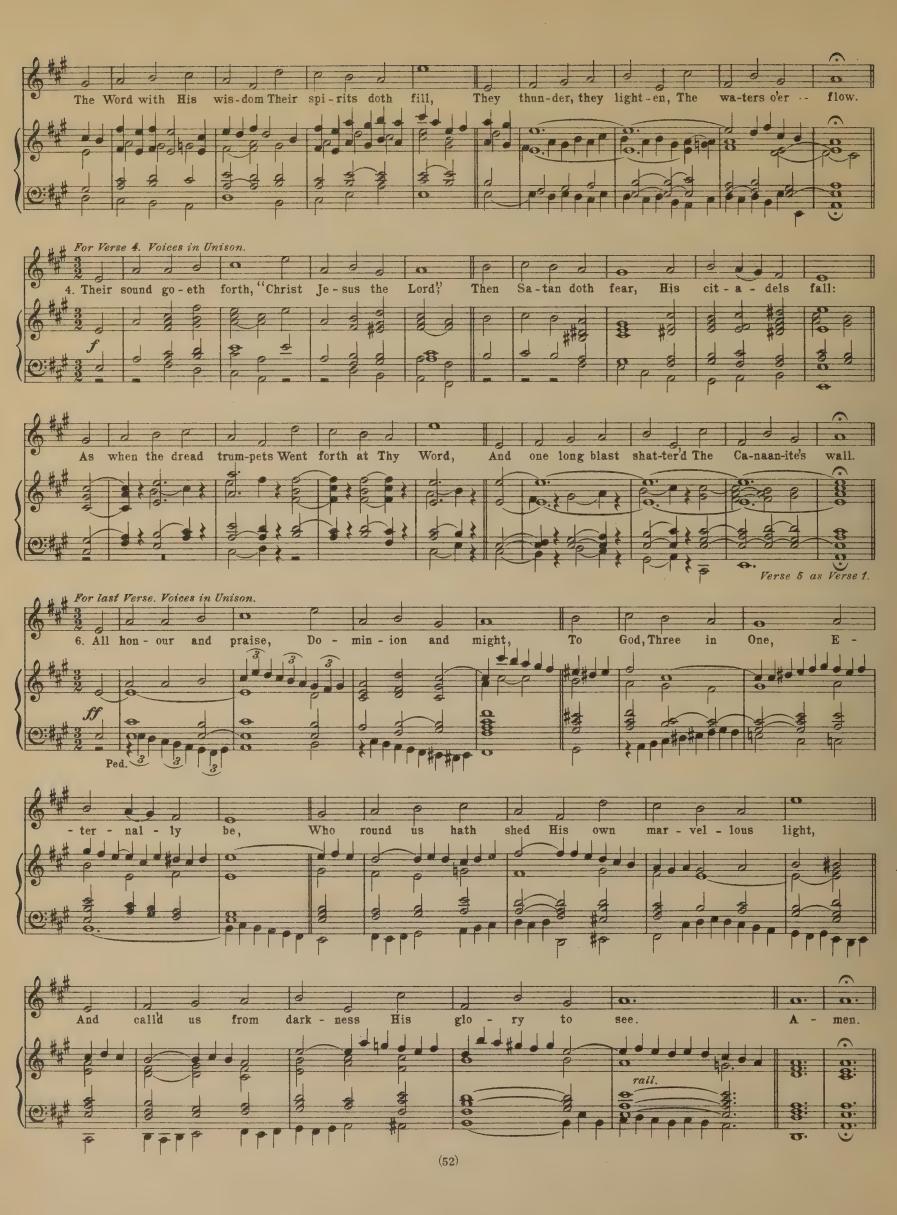


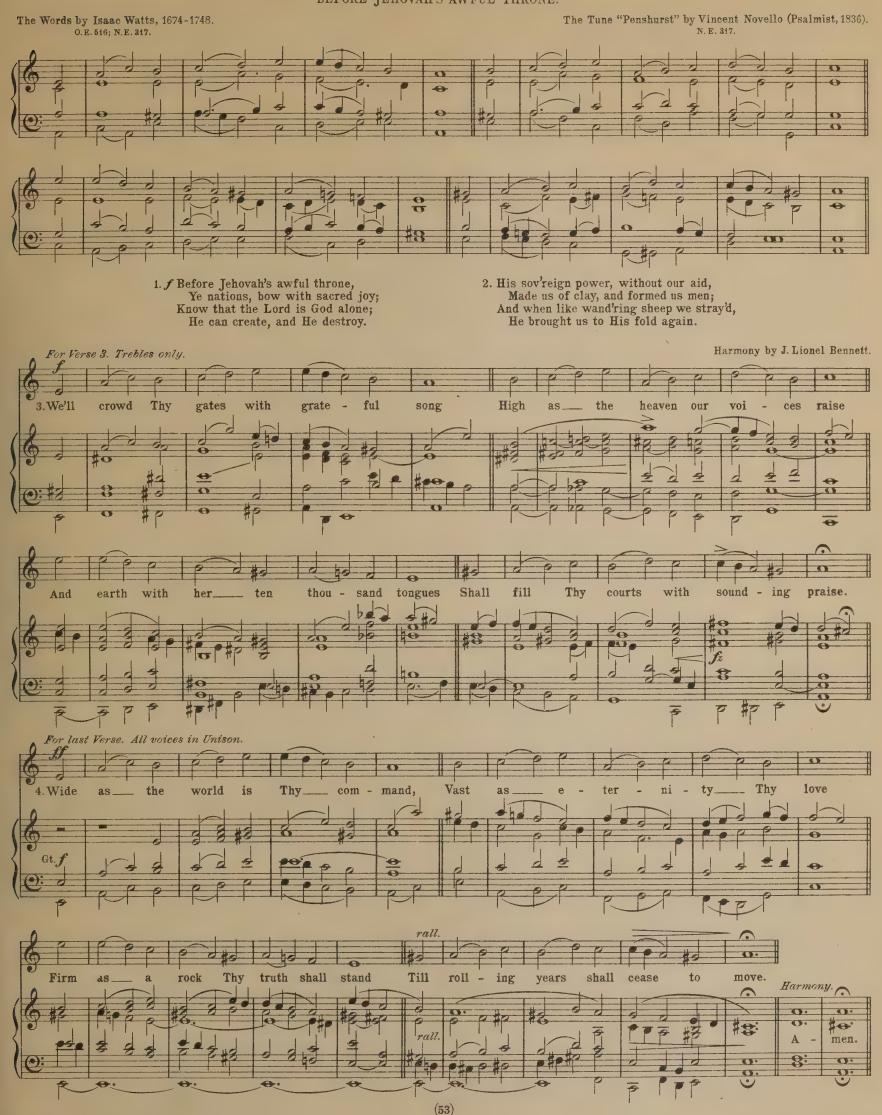
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